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EIRE-ULSTER BORDER TO BE CLOSED?

But Allies Won't Apply Sanctions Immediately: Churchill's Statement In Commons

NEW YORK, March 13.

An Associated Press message from Dublin says that a high authority who cannot be named to-night, said the Northern Ireland and the Eire border would be closed.

It was added, however, there would be no immediate formal sanctions against Eire by Allies.

CHURCHILL'S FEARS

WESTMINSTER, March 14: Mr. Churchill in a statement about Eire in the House of Commons to-day said that if a catastrophe were to occur to Allied armies, which could be traced to the retention of the German and Japanese representatives in Dublin a gulf would be opened between Britain and Southern Ireland, which even generations would not bridge.

The text of the statement reads: "The initiative in this matter was taken by the United States, because of danger to the American armed forces from the presence of Axis missions in Dublin. The British Government were, however, consulted throughout by the U. S. Government and gave the American approach their full support.

TIME TO TAKE ACTION

"We have for some time past taken a number of measures to minimise dangers arising from substantial disservice to the Allied cause involved in the retention by the de Valera Government of the German Minister and the Japanese Consul with their staffs in Dublin. Time has now come when these measures must be strengthened, and restrictions on travel to Ireland announced in the Press Note yesterday are a first step in the policy designed to isolate Great Britain from Southern Ireland and also to isolate Southern Ireland from the outer world during the critical period, which is now approaching.

"I need scarcely say how painful it is to us to take such measures in view of the large numbers of Irishmen who are fighting so bravely in our armed forces and many deeds of personal heroism by which they have kept alive the martial honour of the Irish race.

"No one I think can reproach us for precipitancy. No nation in the world would have been so patient. In view, however, of the fact that both British and British Dominion lives and lives of the soldiers of our Allies are imperilled, we are bound to do our utmost to obtain effective security for the forthcoming operations.

UNBRIDGEABLE GULF

There is also the future to consider. If a catastrophe were to occur to the Allied armies, which could be traced to the retention of the German and Japanese representatives in Dublin, a gulf would be opened between Great Britain on the one hand and Southern Ireland on the other which even generations would not bridge. The British Government would also be held accountable to the people of the United States, if it could be shown that we had in any way failed to do everything in our power to safeguard their troops."

When Sir William Davison (Conservative) asked if Mr. Churchill did not consider it essential that the frontier between Ulster and Eire should be closed in view of the activities of the Irish Republican Army (an extreme nationalist organisation in Eire, where it is banned) Mr. Churchill said: "All necessary measures within limits which I have described will, of course, be taken as they are deemed to be necessary."

DOMINIONS CONSULTED?

Mr. Vernon Bartlett (Independent) asked whether this decision was taken after prior consultation with other Dominions, because it seemed to be very important to bring that home to the Irish people.

Mr. Churchill: Complete unity of thought prevails throughout the British Commonwealth so far as I am aware.

Prof. Savory (Conservative for the Belfast University) asked whether the retention of these Axis representatives in Dublin was consistent with membership with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. Churchill: The whole question of the position of Southern Ireland is anomalous from various points of view and I can conceive that lawyers and high legal authorities might have very great difficulty in defining the factual relationship which prevails. At any rate, I shall not attempt to do so at the end of questions.

ILL-CONCEIVED APPROACH

When Mr. Gallacher (Communist) asked if it would not be possible in any further approaches to Ireland to suggest that if normal relations should be operated, the question of partition of Northern and Southern Ireland would be a subject of discussion when peace came, Mr. Churchill replied: "I can hardly think of a more ill-conceived approach to the unity of Ireland."—Reuter.

SHERIFF'S MEETING FOR KASTURBA TO-MORROW

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay to mourn the loss of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi has been convened by the Sheriff of Bombay for tomorrow, (Thursday, 16th March) at 6 p.m. (S T.) at Sunderabai Hall, Queen's Road.

G. B. S. STANDS BY IRELAND

Says It Is 'Impossible' To Close Border Between Eire And Ulster

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 13

Asked "Are the Irish justified in refusing to abandon neutrality?" Mr. Bernard Shaw tartly replied. "Of course, they are". Long before America entered the war I tried hard to get De Valera to abandon neutrality and join in. I told him that he could not get away with it. He did not think he would either, but described the suggestion as 'contemptible'. He said he would fight anybody who invaded Ireland. He said if Germany tried it, England would be forced to protect Ireland. But De Valera did get away with it. He saved Ireland's neutrality and gave England the opportunity, which now is presented, of making unusual and magnanimous gesture."

Asked if the Irish have got any real grievance against the English, Mr. Shaw said: "You should know we have centuries of grievances against them."

When asked "Do you think sanctions will alter the Irish viewpoint regarding neutrality?" Mr. Shaw chuckled heartily saying: "As an Irishman you should know that the answer in effect will be to the contrary."

When it was suggested that Britain might close border before Ulster and Eire, Mr. Shaw retorted "Quite impossible. You might just as well try to close the border between Surrey and Sussex. The Irish are entitled to hold their own views on neutrality. They are just as much entitled to remain neutral as England was to declare war."

RUMANIAN PEACE ENVOY FOR CAIRO

LONDON, March 14: Prince Barbu Stirbey, the Rumanian peace envoy, is reported to be on his way to the Middle East and Cairo where he will continue his conversations with the Allied authorities.

The Ankara correspondent of the "New York Times" states that as a result of a meeting in Ankara on Saturday between "authorities, Rumanian emissaries and other responsible persons" it is not unlikely that the Rumanian Dictator, Marshal Ion Antonescu, may be replaced by a high ranking officer who will form a transition cabinet to prepare the way for a democratic government headed by Julius Maniu.—Reuter.

Pandemonium At City Stadium

Allies Capture Razabil

Advance In Arakan: Main Enemy Escape Route Blocked

ARAKAN FRONT, March 12.

Razabil the important Jap held cross-roads junction along the Maungdaw-Buthidaung and Bawli-Maungdaw roads, was to-day captured by us, says the 'Associated Press' Special Correspondent on the Arakan Front.

"MUCH-BOMBED TOWN"

Buthidaung which is now in our hands was entered yesterday, by troops of a Sikh regiment riding on tanks, says the 'Associated Press' Special Correspondent. Formerly a prosperous town and the centre of the local administration with a population of 17,000, Buthidaung today is a mere shell—every building is either completely or partially wrecked, for Buthidaung is the most bombed town in the Arakan, not excluding Maungdaw.

It to-day has little strategic or utilitarian value to the Allies in their present campaign but just came in their stride.

With the capture of Buthidaung yesterday and Razabil to-day, however, we now practically control the old road to Maungdaw—the important cross-roads junction of Razabil being 12 miles from Buthidaung.

ENEMY ESCAPE ROUTE BLOCKED

NEW DELHI, March 13: Launching their first offensive on Friday morning on the Jap.-held tunnel road connecting Maungdaw and Buthidaung, British and Indian troops of the 5th Indian Division in their push northwards from the rear of the strong Jap force holding the well-fortified key position of the pass, the Razabil fortress, inflicted serious casualties on the enemy and blocked the main enemy escape route across the pass, writes an Indian Army observer.

Allies Land In Hauwei And Butjoluo

LONDON, March 14.

Allied Headquarters in South-West Pacific: To-day's 'communique' says: "Admiralty Islands: Our troops supported by artillery and naval bombardment landed on Hauwei and Butjoluo islands. Our light naval units sank three enemy barges. Our medium air units attacked enemy lines of communication near Lorengau.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—American aircraft bombed Wake Island for the 15th time on Saturday, announces the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific, Admiral Chester Nimitz.

About 50 tons of bombs were dropped. Other American bombers attacked Nauro and the Eastern Marshalls the same day.—Reuter.

22,000 JAP TROOPS ON SOLOMONS

From Reuter's special correspondent at the Allied Headquarters, South West Pacific: It is estimated that 22,000 Japanese troops remain on the Solomons, most of them on Bougainville island.—Reuter.

WAR RISKS INSURANCE Reduced Rate Of Premium

NEW DELHI, March 14

The Central Government has decided that the rate of premium payable under any policy issued under the War Risks (Goods) Insurance Scheme, in respect of goods liable to compulsory insurance, shall be reduced to one anna per month or part of a month for each complete sum of one hundred rupees for the quarter ending July 30, 1944, says a press communique.—A. P.

MALAVIYA INVITES "C. R." AND MRS. NAIDU

ALLAHABAD, March 14.

It is understood Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya has invited Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Mr. C. Rajagopalachari to Allahabad if their engagements permit for conversation with him.

It is understood Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth will see Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya on Saturday next.—United Press.

BEIRUT, March 14: King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has invited the Prime Minister of the Lebanon, Riad El Solh, to meet him at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to discuss possible links of friendship which may be forged to unite still further their two countries.—Reuter.

FRENZIED CROWDS SMASH STANDS

Sequel To Failure To Put Up Goonga-Hamida Challenge Bout

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Pandemonium prevailed at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, when the All-India Wrestling Tournament was declared to be concluded on Tuesday night.

About 20,000 spectators had flocked to the stadium to see the main event announced in the programme, the bout between Hamida and Goonga Pahelwan.

There was tense eagerness among the spectators to see this fight come off, but when at the end of the programme the announcer declared on the mike that the bout had been cancelled and gave an explanation for it the entire stadium echoed with shouts, catcalls and booing from all directions.

CROWDS GO CRAZY

Constant demands were made that the fight should be held and the crowds growing restive at last started smashing the benches and other seats. Electric floodlights were either broken or cut off. At this stage the mob became so unruly that it was feared that there would be a stampede as some people rushed to the exits for safety. Happily, the missiles were not flung about so as to hit anybody, but were scattered at sixes and sevens. In ten minutes time the seating accommodation in the stadium was a heap of ruins.

The explanation offered by the Committee of the tournament fell on deaf ears. People wanted their money's worth. It was stated on behalf of the Committee that Goonga had backed out of the fight and had placed all sorts of impossible conditions. He had at first demanded Rs 17,000 and when the Committee conceded the amount he wanted three months' time to fight Hamida. The crowd however insisted that the fight must take place and refused to leave the stadium.

"HOAX & SWINDLE"

Bobby Talyarkhan who at first made a scathing speech to the ringside spectators describing the whole tournament as "a hoax and a swindle", seeing that the crowd might run amuck stepped into the ring and going to the mike and tried to pacify the crowd but the latter seemed unwilling to budge.

The programme also announced a challenge fight between a Russian lady Mrs. Chastalini and an Indian lady wrestler which also did not come off. This added to the ire of the spectators and one section of the infuriated crowd attempted to set fire to a heap of the smashed seats. The fire, however, did not spread and was put out.

Some persons received minor injuries in the excitement.

The damage is estimated to run into several thousands of rupees.

The other important bout between Manzoor Hussein and Jeje Goldstein in the all-in style was won by the former in 3 minutes. Manzoor captured the reward of Rs. 1,000 offered by the Maharajkumar of Morvi.

The Maharajkumar also awarded a handsome gift to the loser in appreciation of his sporting spirit.

The Maharaja of Kashmir has donated Rs. 5,000 to be distributed among the winning wrestlers at the discretion of the Committee and also given Rs. 1,000 to the Committee.

The following are the results:

Aslam beat Rajaram in one minute.
Azam drew with Sham Mullick in 15 minutes.
Khalifa Balla drew with Khalifa Tora in 10 minutes.
Taj Pahelwan beat F. C. Tigerwood in 5 minutes (all-in style).
Chota Hamida beat Jawahar Singh in 2 minutes.
Chota Hamida beat Shankar of Allahabad in 40 seconds.
Mohamad Hussein beat Naboo Pahelwan in 42 seconds.
Sharif Pahelwan beat Ivan Scott in 2 minutes, (all-in-style).
Ganpat Katkar beat Hussein Bux in 30 seconds.
Gora Singh beat Cheetalini in 9 minutes. (all-in-style).
Sadrudin Pahelwan beat Dharshan Singh.
Manzoor Hussein beat Jeje Goldstein in 3 minutes (all-in-style).
Nawab Pahelwan beat Jagir Singh in 3 minutes.
Bhoo Pahelwan beat Ishaq Pahelwan in 30 seconds.
Gulam Kadir drew with Nabi Bux in 15 minutes.
Zora Pahelwan beat Taj Pahelwan in one minute.
Alshia Pahelwan drew with Hussein Pahelwan.

Churchill Deprecates Debate On Coal Position

WESTMINSTER, March 14.

Mr. Churchill told the Commons today that he thought it would not be wise for him to make a statement upon the coal-mining position at present. "I should also deprecate a debate upon this matter until the negotiations which were opened last Wednesday by the Minister of Fuel are completed. I must ask the House to sustain the Government in this view which they have not adopted without a careful consideration of what is best in the public interest at so critical a time."

Mr Shinwell (Labour): Surely Mr Churchill understands that these miners with very few exceptions are as patriotic as any other section and are very anxious to assist him in the war effort. Surely something substantial must have occurred to have stimulated them to take the action they have.

Mr. Churchill: I certainly accept what has been said about the association with their country's cause of the miners of Great Britain but that is the very reason I do not want a debate of the kind in which we may easily trip if we exchange views across the floor of the House.—Reuter.

Deodhar's Team Wins

Nayudu's Side Falls Short By Only 18 Runs

BARODA, March 14.

C. K. Nayudu's side were all out for 520 (Kishenchand retired 204) today, the fourth day of the festival Cricket Match against Devdhar's team.

Professor Deodhar's side started their second innings disastrously, losing four wickets for only 35 runs. When the teams adjourned for tea, the score was 70 for five wickets.

When the total was 137, Deodhar declared, leaving C. K. Nayudu half an hour to make 65 runs to win. Nayudu's team fell short by only 18 runs, having made 47 for the loss of two wickets in the time at his disposal.

Scores:—

DEODHAR'S (SECOND INNINGS)

Sohoni c Kishenchand b Banerjee	16
Mankad (run out)	6
Deodhar c Gulmahomed b C S Nayudu	6
Raiji c C K Nayudu b Banerjee	2
V S Hazare (not out)	45
Adhikari l.b.w. Banerjee	3
Paranjpe (not out)	52
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wkts. declared)	137

C. K. NAYUDU'S (SECOND INNINGS)

C K Nayudu (st.) Powar b Mankad	19
Banerjee (not out)	28
C S Nayudu (st.) Powar b Mankad	0
Prithviraj (not out)	0
Extra	0
Total (for 2 wkts.)	47

RED ARMY CROSSES DNIEPER ESTUARY

Threat To Black Sea Port Graver Than Ever

MOSCOW, March 14

(From Reuter's Staff Correspondent):

Soviet reinforcements have now crossed the Dnieper estuary to join in the battle beyond Kherson. Collapse of the remaining German positions east of Nikolaev is now imminent.

The Germans are throwing out shields of suicide troops in an attempt to protect their disengaging movement in the Dnieper bend towards Nikolaev.

A latest frontline dispatch states that the threat to the Black Sea port of Nikolaev is to-day graver than ever. German dead lie thickly in the mud of the Ukraine and milliards of marks worth of abandoned equipment is strewn around them.

TOWARDS RUMANIA

The last barriers are going down in the Ukraine at Eight Red Army forces move towards Rumania. They also are moving on the Dniester and are within 40 miles of it following new Soviet gains southeast of Tarnopol General Manstein's troops are going back slowly in the northern sector and faster and faster in the deep south.

The rail town of Vinnitsa is menaced by the new push from the east.

A supplement to the Soviet 'communique' says the Red Air Force recently made a heavy raid on German military trains in Tallinn. Resulting fires accompanied by explosions and trains loaded with Military equipment and troops were burned out.

TWO TOWNS CAPTURED

The supplement adds: "West of the town of Krivoi-Rog, Russian units yesterday occupied the town of Shevchenkov and captured the railway junction of Dolinskaya."

50,000 GERMAN CASUALTIES

MOSCOW, March 14.—Crack German divisions lost their entire heavy equipment and suffered staggering casualties in the swift Russian stab across the Dnieper that is to-day driving towards Nikolaiev after yesterday's capture of Kherson. The capture of the Dnieper mouth city, accomplished in a matter of a few hours, was one of the most shattering blows yet delivered at Manstein, costing the Germans more than 50,000 killed and wounded.—Reuter.

Welsh Coal Strike "Half Over"

LONDON, March 14: The Welsh coal strike is today only about "half over" according to the latest reports from the valleys where the men are still voting on the "go back" plea of their leaders.

The first signs of improvement came from Rhondda Valley where three pits employing 1,600 men resumed work this morning, but in West Wales the position is slightly worse. Two large pits in North Wales restarted at full strength today. Meanwhile the men's leaders are busy urging idle miners to return to work.—Reuter.

NEW SOUTH WALES COAL STRIKE ENDS

SYDNEY, March 14.—All New South Wales mines are working to-day with the exception of two which are idle for technical reasons.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

"SOVIET PEACE TERMS FOR GERMANY"

MOSCOW, March 14.—The Soviet News Agency, the Tass Agency, on Tuesday issued a statement describing as "pure invention" statements published in a British Sunday newspaper claiming to give Marshal Stalin's opinion on Soviet peace terms for Germany.—Reuter.

Convert It Into People's War

Kisans Urge Jail Delivery To Ginger Up Fight Against Fascist Menace

BEZWADA, March 14.

"Our differences with the Congress and its leadership are fundamental in many respects. But they are first of all merely internal, and they matter between ourselves and surely not when the country's freedom is at stake. Secondly, they are not such as to make us forget our slavery for a moment and strengthen the hands that tighten our chains."

Thus observed Swami Sahajanand Saraswati presiding over the 8th annual session of the All-India Kisan Sabha to-day.

An elaborate survey of the economic and political problems facing the Kisans of India; a strong opposition to Pakistan and a demand for the release of Congress prisoners and the establishment of a National Government, were the highlights of the presidential address delivered by Swami Sahajanand at the eighth annual session of the All-India Kisan Sabha Conference.

After referring to the conditions of Kisans and the part they played in the structure of the Society, Swami Sahajanand claimed that the Sabha represented eighty per cent of the people residing in villages and was therefore a mass organisation par excellence. They would have therefore to be fully taught and made well-versed in all the arts of collective bargaining and organised assertion.

Dealing with the day to day economic problems facing the Sabha, Swami Sahajanand said that the more food they produced the more scarce it became.

He criticised the drives for investments and protested against the rise in railway fare by twenty-five per cent.

FASHION AND NOT TRUTH

Proceeding Swami Sahajanand said: "It has become almost a fashion to say that the Kisans have become wealthy and prosperous due to higher prices now prevailing, but it is an established fact that more than 80 per cent of the peasant holdings are uneconomic and almost ninety per cent of the Kisans are consequently under-fed and under-clothed."

The President dealt with the political problem of the country with particular reference to the Kisan Sabha and said, "no doubt the general political consciousness in the country has increased manifold, but it has taken no definite form. Real political power lies in foreign hands that are becoming increasingly determined not to part with it. Almost all elements in the country which count are consistently demanding the release of Congress leaders and an understanding between the Congress and the Government, and Government's reply to all is an emphatic 'no'. This shows weakness of the country and strength of the Government."

Regarding their relation with the Congress, the President of the Kisan Sabha said "our differences with the Congress and its leadership are fundamental in many respects, but they are first of all internal, and surely, when the country's freedom is at stake, they are not much as to make us forget our slavery for a moment. The Congress is a mere concrete form of the national will against foreign

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TEN SOLDIERS KILLED IN MINE MISHAP

CAMP ROBINSON (Arakansas): Ten soldiers were killed and sixteen injured in an explosion during a demonstration at a surface mine school yesterday. The soldiers were installing and removing various types of mines.

LONDON MEETING CONDOLES KASTURBA'S DEATH

Demand For Amery's Resignation As Step Towards Ending Indian Deadlock.

LONDON, March 13.

A national conference summoned by the India League yesterday attended by 150 delegates from various organisations stood up in silence to pay tribute to late Kasturba Gandhi.

The meeting vigorously protested against employment of Indian women in coal mines and unanimously passed a resolution demanding Mr. Amery's resignation as the essential step to bring about a settlement with India and urged the release of politicals and abandonment of the present policy so that negotiations could be reopened for establishment of a National Government.

CHURCHILL'S DAUGHTER'S STORY

According to Tom Driberg, M.P., Mr. Churchill's eldest daughter, Mrs. Duncan Sandys, wife of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply was sympathetically interested in the Commonwealth but it does not mean that she would become an opponent of her father for whom she retains profound and affectionate admiration for his war leadership. Moreover, Mr. Driberg adds, her personal loyalty to Mr. Churchill and her Tory husband will undoubtedly prevent her from taking active public part in Left Wing politics.

PERSIAN CARPET FOR IQBAL'S TOMB

NEW DELHI, March 14

It is learnt that the Iranian Government are sending a carpet for the tomb of Poet Iqbal and his statue as a mark of honour.—O P.

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Difference	—.13

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 14.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol. 59-3/8.
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 27.
United States Steel Common dol 54-1/8.
U.S. Steel Pref. dol. 121-3/4.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 14.

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CONVERT IT INTO PEOPLE'S WAR

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domination, and as long as that domination is there, the necessity of the Congress will remain. That is why we have always demanded, and continue to demand, unconditional release of Congress leaders.

Dwelling upon the question of Pakistan, Swami Sahajanand said an indivisible India was the thing to be conceived of, achieved and aspired after. But we could not see such an India an accomplished fact with Hindus and Muslims at loggerheads with each other. This could be achieved only as a result either of the prolonged deliberations in the spirit of give and take by cool-headed spokesmen of all communities or of an economic programme comprehensively prepared and boldly executed.

"Some interpret Pakistan as the right of self-determination for the Muslim Nationalities", added the President, "and taking their clue from Russia, they press for its acceptance by the Hindus and Congress Leadership. The Kisan Sabha has so far chosen to remain neutral in the matter, and this has been the right choice." So far as I am personally concerned, I have got my serious fears and doubts about the success of the national self-determination policy as applied to the Muslim problem in India in the present state of her political development. The moment the principle of self-determination is granted the question of a corridor between the Eastern, and Western Pakistan zones is bound to crop up immediately, and it is bound to assume a serious political form too." He continued "the Muslim peasants as such have never identified themselves with the Pakistan movement, and if they have ever done so at all, they have done as Muslims and never as peasants.

In conclusion, Swami Sahajanand referred to their attitude towards the war effort and said: "We are convinced that opposition to war effort will not in the least accelerate our fight for freedom, nor will it bring that freedom nearer. Opposition will only encourage and embolden the Axis to attack India, and we can in no way reconcile ourselves to the slavery of the Axis. But so far as co-operation with the war effort is concerned, the same cannot and must not be expected from us in the absence of a congenial atmosphere which it is the duty of our rulers to create constituting a National Government."

Statement Of Kisan Sabha Policy

The following resolution which was moved by Bankim Mukerjee on Kisan Sabha policy, was passed by the Subjects Committee:

"Certain anti-National and disruptive groups, jealous of the growing strength of the Kisan Sabha are circulating the slander that the Sabha is dominated by the Communists who force their own policy upon the Sabha. The purpose of this propaganda is to scare away anti-Fascist and patriotic people who desire to serve the Kisans and to work in association with the Sabha for the solution of various problem including food, that face the Kisans and the country. There are also others who, not knowing the correct policy of the Sabha misunderstand it. This session of the All-India Kisan Sabha therefore finds it necessary to restate the basic policy of the Sabha in the present situation as laid down in its resolution unanimously passed during the last two years.

With the emergence of the threat of Japanese Fascist invasion to our country, the Kisan Sabha, while unequivocally "exhorting the Kisans of India to align themselves on the side of Russia and China and the Allied progressive forces in waging relentless war for the final extermination of Fascism urged them to "render all possible aid to Russia and China and help to organise the friend of the Soviet Union", and declared that "armed resistance could, however be effectively organised only on the basis of a National Government."

The Sabha is convinced that for the defence of the country an alliance with the progressive forces, a national coalition government, responsible to the Legislature and to the people of India," based on the unequivocal declaration of "India's right to freedom and to frame her own constitution after the war," and functioning both at the centre and in the provinces, was essential.

While maintaining that "considerations of military strategy and imperial security have combined with the pressure of their freedom-loving people to align Britain and America with Russia and China in their fight against the Axis powers" the Sabha declared its considered view that this war can effectively be converted into an Indian peoples' war, only when it is fought under the leadership of a National Government and with the willing and hearty co-operation of the people of India."

To enable the masses of India with a view to translate their undoubted will to freedom into concrete action and to fight the Fascist menace, the Sabha called upon all national organisations including the Congress and the League to achieve the broadest possible unity for the achievement of National Government.

After the provocative arrests of the national leaders on August 1942 and due to the indiscriminate bureaucratic repression that followed, the angered people were misled to acts of sabotage of the means of national defence, etc. This situation was being taken advantage of by the treacherous fifth column for its nefarious end. At that time the Sabha, true to its anti-Fascist stand and patriotic traditions, went out among the Kisan masses fighting sabotage and saving the Kisans from being provoked into anarchic actions against repression.

The Sabha took up the stand that the bureaucracy can be effectively fought only by the unity of the Hindu and Muslim masses through which alone Congress-League unity can be achieved and a National Government of national defence and salvation won.

It called upon the Kisans to unite in a campaign for the release of national leaders, to join hands to stop sabotage, to unite with all sections in the common effort to solve the food crisis, and to organise a unity campaign to promote unity between Hindu and Muslim masses and between all sections of people and to create mass urge for Congress-League unity, with a view to forging national unity.

The Sabha fully recognising the key role of the Kisans in the solution of the food crisis which became acute, because of the strain of war and the failure of the bureaucracy to concede a National Government, called upon its provincial and district units to take initiative in forming Food Committees to win their price for the cultivators and food for all at reasonable control prices. The Sabha also called upon them to organise a grow more food campaign as to inspire the local Kisans and to impress upon the non-Kisan elements the importance of its bearing on the question of national defence.

The anti-Fascist and patriotic stand of the Kisan Sabha, is attracting a growing number of patriots, Congressmen and Leaguers and others who want to serve the Kisans and to do positive work for the solution of the national crisis. We assure them that though some of the most valued workers and leaders of Sabha are Communists, the policy of the Sabha is not dictated by any group or party, but it is evolved through the collective thought and work of its members.

The Sabha appeals to all patriots to note that the policy and practice of the Kisan Sabha is broad-based enough to enable every anti-Fascist, every lover of freedom to whatever party he may belong, to come into the Sabha and to serve the Kisans and to organise them for the solution of the most difficult problem which face our country to-day.

Presidential Procession

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The President was seated in a bullock cart decorated with red flags. He carried an orange-coloured axe on his shoulder.

Slogans such as "release the Congress leaders, "grow more food", and "down with the Fascist aggression" were frequently raised by the processionists who also carried posters urging the establishment of a National Government and demanding the fixation of the control price of paddy at Rs. 11 per bag.

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PROSPECTUS

OBJECTS—The objects are detailed in the Memorandum of Association of the Company, a copy of which forms part of this Prospectus. In particular, the Company proposes to transact all kinds of Insurance business including Life, Fire, Marine, Accident, Workmen's Compensation, Fidelity-Guarantee, etc.

SCOPE & PROSPECTS:—Insurance Industry in this country has made rapid strides during the last two decades. So far the main effort has been in the direction of Life Insurance. Indian Insurance Companies are now transacting more than 85% of the total new Life Insurance business in India, as against 15% until a few years ago. In the department of Fire and General business, however, there has not been much improvement. The share of Indian business is less than 33% of total general insurance and only about 29% of Accident and Marine insurance It is now felt that the time has come for further improvement in this direction and a number of Indian Companies have started Fire, Accident and General Insurance departments, and have for this purpose issued further capital. It is only by having a group of well financed Indian insurers with reciprocal arrangements that there is any chance of our obtaining a reasonable share in the total Fire and General business in this country. (The total premium income of foreign insurance companies in 1940, for this class of business was 2 crores and 43 lacs). The great expansion in Indian Industry in recent years has given a further impetus to general insurance business and it is therefore felt that the "Sterling General" is being put into the field at a very opportune time.

The Company has the advantage of having well-known businessmen on its Board of Directors. With such backing as it may be possible to get from their associated business, it is hoped that the Company will receive a good start in the way of premium income for its Fire and General Departments. It is further intended to purchase the running business of some Life Insurance Companies and arrangements have already been concluded with the Sterling Insurance Company Ltd. of New Delhi, having an income of about 2 lacs per year, and Government Securities and other assets of about 6 lacs. This business will be purchased at a value to be fixed by an Actuary and the Shareholders of the Sterling Insurance Company shall be paid in cash or in the form of partly paid or fully paid shares of this Company in accordance with the above value fixed by the Actuary who will act as an Arbitrator between the two companies. This Company will thus get the benefit of an established business and a good premium income without much cost for preliminary and organisation expenses. It is thus expected that the Company will start with a good premium income in all departments and at a low expense, which should enable it to more than meet its expenses from the very beginning. Moreover, the capital raised by the present issue will be almost entirely invested in Government Securities and other Investments. With the yield on capital and a good start in premium income, the Company should be in a position to pay dividends at an early date.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION:—The qualification of a Director shall be the holding of Shares in the Company of the face value of at least Rs. 10,000. The qualification of a policyholders' Director shall be as may be prescribed by the Directors from time to time subject to the provisions of the Insurance Act. The remuneration of a Director shall be Rs. 50|- per meeting, or as may be fixed by the Directors from time to time, for attending a meeting of the Board of Directors or Sub-Committee of Directors, exclusive of their travelling and other expenses at such rates as may be fixed by the Directors. A Director may, in addition, be paid extra remuneration for any special service rendered by him to the Company.

DIRECTORS INTEREST:— No Director, except Mr. M. N. Seth, who has been appointed the General Manager and Managing Director of this Company, is interested in any way whatsoever, in the promotion of the Company except as holder of shares.

Mr. M. N. Seth is also the Managing Director of the Sterling Insurance Company Ltd., which company has been transacting Life Insurance for the last ten years. Upon the transfer of the business of that company to the Sterling General Insurance Company, Limited, Mr. M. N. Seth, will relinquish his contract of appointment with the Sterling Insurance Company Limited. He will be paid as General Manager of the Sterling General Insurance Company Limited a salary of Rs. 1,000|- per mensem which may be increased at the discretion of the Directors, keeping in view the progress made by the Company. He will be paid in addition a commission of 1½% over the premium income of the Sterling General Insurance Company Limited in accordance with a contract with the latter Company for service for a period of twenty years. The rate of commission will be reduced to 1% for any portion of premium income above 10 lacs of rupees per year. Apart from high education in India and Europe, Mr. M. N. Seth possesses a wide experience of management of insurance and other business in this country. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bharat Carbon and Ribbon Manufacturing Company Limited, Managing Agent of the Delhi Safe Deposit Co., Ltd., and the Managing Director of The Sterling Insurance Company Ltd., and is associated with a number of other businesses. His appointment in this Company is in lieu of a contract on similar lines with the Sterling Insurance Company Limited. It is hoped that under experienced management and under the guidance of a distinguished Board of Directors, backed by a large capital, the Company will soon come to the forefront of insurers working in this country.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGING DIRECTOR: The Articles provide that the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not by the Act or by the Articles required to be exercised by the Company in General Meeting. Subject to the control of the Directors, the general management of the Company shall be in the hands of the General Manager (Managing Director) who shall have such powers on behalf of the Board as the Directors may delegate to him from time to time. A copy of the agreement with the General Manager (Managing Director) as mentioned above has been placed for identification with Mr. S. N. Bose, Advocate, Daryaganj, Delhi, the Legal Adviser of the Company, and may be inspected there or at the Registered Office of the Company.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION:—The Articles of Association provide that the Directors shall not proceed to allotment till applications for Share of the value of at least Rs. 1,00,000 have been received.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES:—No fee has been paid or will be paid to any promoter except the actual expenses incurred incidental to the registration and formation of the Company. Preliminary expenses are estimated not to exceed Rs. 10,000|- excluding any underwriting commission or brokerage on the sale of shares or expense of advertisement of the Prospectus.

BROKERAGE:—The Articles of Association of the Company permit a brokerage upto the maximum rate of 5%. Brokerage at the rate of Re. 1|- for each share sold will be paid by the Company, to any recognised broker or banker or agent, approved by the Company upon application bearing the stamp of such broker or firm and upon the allotment being duly made.

VOTING:—According to the Articles, every Member shall be entitled to one vote when present in person at a General Meeting or in case of poll to one vote for every share held by him or represented by him as a proxy.

RESTRICTION ON VOTING:—No Member shall be entitled to be present or to speak or to vote on any question either personally or by proxy or as proxy for another Member whilst any call or other sum is due from him in respect of his shares, nor will his presence be counted for a quorum or upon demand for a poll at any General Meeting.

RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER OF SHARES:—The Articles provide that the Directors in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason may decline to register any transfer of partly-paid shares.

AGREEMENTS:

(a) An Agreement has been entered into with Mr. M. N. Seth, the General Manager (Managing Director) for a period of twenty years upon the remuneration mentioned above. A copy of the Agreement has been deposited for purposes of identification with Mr. S. N. Bose, Advocate, Daryaganj, Delhi.

(b) An Agreement has been entered into with the Sterling Insurance Company, Limited, New Delhi, for the amalgamation of their business at a value and upon terms to be fixed by an Actuary.

INSPECTION OF AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:—The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the Agreement with the Sterling Insurance Company Ltd., and a copy of the Agreement of appointment of General Manager (Managing Director) may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company during business hours.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES:—Copies of the Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares may be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company or from any of the Bankers above mentioned or from Brokers. Application for Shares should be made on the Company's printed form (also attached hereto) and sent to the Registered Office of the Company together with the amount payable on application. The Imperial Bank of India, The Central Bank of India, Limited, The Traders' Bank, Ltd., and Punjab National Bank Ltd., and all their respective branches, have been authorised to accept money tendered with the applications on behalf of the Company and to grant receipts therefor. In case an allotment cannot be made or is made for a number of shares less than that applied for, the balance of deposit will be applied for the amount payable on the shares allotted and any balance left over will be returned in full. The Share Certificates will be ready within twelve months from the date of allotment.

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NEW DELHI,
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SHARE APPLICATION FORM

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Yours faithfully,

Specimen Signature

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(From Our Correspondent)

POONA (By Mail).

A plea that the local bodies and the Government should help the Indian Stage on lines similar to those followed in Europe, in the post-war period, was made by Mr. N. C. Kelkar, presiding over the Centenary Celebrations of the Marathi Stage, which commenced here on Sunday last. He thought that the stage should be looked upon as a powerful vehicle of mass education and should therefore receive State support.

Doctor R. H. Bhadkamkar, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, stressed the necessity of making adequate arrangements for the scientific education in stage-craft and hoped that with the advent of the Maharashtra University this long-felt want would be provided for. He insisted that society women should go on the stage as that was, in his opinion, a sure way for the uplift of the Marathi stage. He urged that like Soviet Russia, Marathi stage should have mass education as its goal.

A nine days' programme has been arranged by the organising committee, in celebration of this Centenary. It includes the staging of three plays written by famous Marathi dramatists in which almost all the popular Marathi artistes are to participate. Besides this, dramatic pieces showing the development of the Marathi Stage, along with a performance of Folk Opera, are arranged.

Shanmugham Committee To Meet In City

MADRAS, March 14: The National Survey Committee of Scientific and Industrial Research of which Sir R. K. Shanmugham Chettiar is the Chairman is to hold its first meeting in Bombay on 30th instant. It is also provisionally decided that the members should visit Ahmedabad, Baroda, Hyderabad (Deccan), Madras and Bangalore. Later on the Committee may visit other centres including Calcutta, Jamshedpur, Dalmianagar, Delhi and Cawnpore.

The Committee will get into touch mainly with Universities and research institutes to ascertain about the existing facilities for research.

Sir R. K. Shanmugham Chetty is expected to proceed to Bombay on Friday.—A. P.

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Municipal Standing Committee 2-30 p.m. (B T)

To-day's Engagements

HON. PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES' SOCIETY: Party to meet H.E. Governor of Bombay 5 p.m. Willingdon Sports Club.

TATA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK: At Nagpada Neighbourhood House at 6-30 p.m. Mr. S. A. Dange on "Labour and National Planning."

DENABANK Opening Ceremony of their 25th Office, The Share Bazar Branch, by Mr. K. R. P. Shroff J.P., (President, Native Share and Stock Brokers' Assn.) at 4-30 p.m. at the Stock Exchange Trading Hall.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Prof. K. K. Shastri of Ahmedabad will deliver a lecture in Gujarati on 'Medieval Gujarati Literature' at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at 5-30 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain. 6-15 p.m.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Fifty-eighth annual general meeting in the rooms of the B. B. Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, Bombay, at 6 p.m. (S T) and "Kinship in Indo-European Culture." by Pro. Dr. G. S. Ghurye.

BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Annual general meeting in Chamber's Rooms, Top Floor, Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co's Building, Ballard Estate, Bombay, at 11-30 a.m.

K. P. V. IYER'S LECTURES: Mr K P Vishwanatha Iyer, Asst. Editor of the "Hindu", Madras will deliver three lectures, under the auspices of the B. F. Madon Memorial Fund, on 27th, 29th and 30th inst at 6 p.m. (S T) at the Sunderabai Hall on "The Need for a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for India." The lectures will be with particular reference to the Rs. 10,000 Crore 15-year Plan and will be open to the public.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: Under the auspices of the Joint Committee (North Bombay) of Dadar Bhagini Samaj, Parel Bhagini Samaj, Vanita Samaj, Dadar, Dadar-Matunga Branch (A I W C), Parel, Mahila Sangh, Parel, the meeting will be held today (Wednesday) at 5 p.m. to celebrate "International Women's Day" at Latif Building, Opposite Chitra Talkies, Vincent Road, Dadar.

MOVE FOR A COLLEGE IN ANAND: Mr. R. C. Patel, Secretary, Charotar Education Society, Anand, writes: Leading men of Charotar are invited by the Charotar Education Society to meet on its own premises at 3 p.m. on the 17th March to discuss the plan for institutions of higher education in Anand.

RAMANUJAM SHIELD: Under the auspices of the Hindu Gymkhana, Bombay North, Matunga, the Ramanujam Shield ball badminton (Fives) Tournament will commence from 21st instant. Entries close at 11 a.m. (N S T) and draw will take place immediately at the Gymkhana premises.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: An informal meeting of the members of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council and its Affiliated Societies will be held at the Y W C A., Hall, Mayo Road today at 5-30 p.m. to meet Miss Tsai Kwei, the National General Secretary of the Y W C A., China. Miss Tsai Kwei will speak on "Women's Activities in War China."

LECTURES ON MUSIC: Pandit Omkarnath will deliver two lectures on Classical Indian Music accompanied by "Demonstrations" elucidating the lectures on March 17th and 18th at the Blavatsky Lodge under the auspices of the Sanskriti Kendra. Admission will be by tickets which will be available at the Hall on the day of the lecture or any day after the 13th from R. A. Mody, Ishwardas Mansions, 4th Floor, Nana's Chouk, near Grant Road Station.

IQBAL DAY CELEBRATION: Mr. Anwar Ali, Gen. Secretary, Iqbal Day Celebration Committee writes: The death anniversary of Poet Iqbal falls on the 22nd instant. Under the auspices of several organisations a Committee to celebrate the Iqbal Day is formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Adam Adji. The Committee has decided to celebrate the Iqbal Day on the 1st April, with a programme of a big Mushaira and lectures on the life and philosophy of Iqbal. Mr. Gulam Mohomed Khan Arazoo, ex-editor "Iqbal Daily" and Mr. Vasiuddin Chishti Saheb are co-operating with the Committee. Those institutions and persons who are desirous of co-operating are requested to communicate with the Gen. Secretary, Iqbal Day Celebration Committee, Faiz Manzil, Corner Doctor Street, Grant Road.

FOOD AND RATIONING ORDERS: In response to public demand the Government of Bombay has brought out a reprint of the brochure containing a resume of Orders issued by the Government from time to time (upto November 15 1943) with regard to holding and declaration of stocks of foodstuffs etc., and other matters relating to Civil Supplies. Copies of the brochure can be obtained, on payment, from the Government Book Depot, Charni Road, Gardens, Bombay, or from the office of the Public Relations Officer (Rationing, 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay). The price is one anna per copy.

GUJARAT RESEARCH SOCIETY: The annual general meeting of Gujarat Research Society was held under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. Justice H. V. Divetia. The annual report showed that H. H. the Maharaja Sir Pratapsinghji became the first patron. The most important work during the year was the publication of the report of the economic and nutrition survey. Sir Purshottamdas was thanked for his munificent donation for this work. The Society also unveiled the Bronze bust of late Dr. Bhagwanlal Indraji in the University Library. The work of mental intelligence tests is steadily proceeding under the guidance and supervision of Messrs. J. H. Trivedi and M. P. Vaidya. A comprehensive history of Gujarat is also being compiled. The Society conducts a quarterly journal edited by Prof. Vakil and Mr. J. H. Trivedi.

18 RESERVE BANK CLERKS RESIGN

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Eighteen clerks of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay branch, have resigned as a protest against the management's refusal to give them adequate increments.

It is also understood that several more conditional resignations have been tendered.

RIGHTS OF PERMANENT CONCUBINE TO MAINTENANCE

Full Bench Decision

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Wadia Mr. Justice Lokur and Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha)

Akku Nisbat Pralhad Kulkarni—Appellant.... (Original first Defendant)

v.

Ganesh Pralhad Kulkarni and Another—Respondents (Original Plaintiff and 2nd Defendant)

An important question as to the status of a permanent kept concubine living in adultery viz—whether or not she had a right to be maintained out of her paramour's estate after his death, arose before this Full Bench which, in view of the conflict of decisions on the point, reviewed the whole law with special reference to the ancient Hindu texts.

The plaintiff's father died in 1933 having made a gift of ancestral joint family property to the first defendant who has been in his exclusive and continuous keeping for 17 years though her husband was alive and had not divorced her. The plaintiff contended that the gift was invalid and filed this suit to recover the property gifted.

Both the Lower Courts held that the property being ancestral joint property the gift was invalid. The trial court, however, held that as a permanent and faithful concubine, the first defendant was entitled to be maintained out of the estate in the hands of the sons of her paramour. The lower appellate court reversed this part of the decree on the ground that her intercourse with the plaintiff's father being adulterous, she was not an "avaruddha stree" under Hindu Law and not entitled to maintenance as such. The first defendant appealed to the High Court.

Their Lordships held that the appellant was entitled to maintenance though her intercourse was adulterous and that the decision of our High Court in the case of Anandilal vs. Chandrabai (48 Bom. 203) to the contrary was not warranted by the ancient texts and referring to the earlier decisions of the Bombay High Court (10 B.H.C.R. 381 and 26 Bom. 163) which Their Lordships preferred to follow. Mr. Justice Lokur who delivered the judgment of the Bench observed that "there was really no sufficient reason to upset the law which had been settled for nearly fifty years." Their Lordships were further of opinion that by reason of the indirect concurrence of the Privy Council in the case of Nagubai vs. Mongibai (53 I.A. 153) of the view which Their Lordships were now taking, the decision in Anandilal's case that in order to entitle a permanent and exclusive concubine to maintenance her intercourse must not be adulterous, was no longer good law.

Their Lordships, therefore, allowed the appeal and held that the first defendant was entitled to maintenance out of the estate of the plaintiff's father as his "avaruddha stree" so long as she preserves sexual fidelity to him.

Mr. P. B. Gajendragadkar appeared for the appellant.

Mr. P. V. Kane with Mr. M. G. Chitale appeared for the first respondent.

Savarkar Protests Against Conversion Of Gonds

BOMBAY, March 14

Mr. V. D. Savarkar has written a letter to the Governor of C. P. and Berar stating that Government should issue a communique as regards the alleged fraudulent propaganda of the Apostolic Mission in Mandla District to convert Gonds to Christianity.

Mr. Savarkar says that he advocates religious liberty, but it should be allowed to all religions alike and none should be allowed to use force or fraud in converting others. Hindu Missions and Hindu Schools should also be allowed to preach and propagate their faith because Gonds consider themselves, and are looked upon by all Hindu Sangathanists, as Hindu Kshatriyas.—United Press.

TWO BHILS KILLED IN POLICE FIRING

(From Our Correspondent)

DOHAD, (By Mail)

It is alleged that some police constables of Jesawada police station opened fire on crowd gathered at annual Holi fair held during Holi holidays at Nelsur village in Dohad Taluka.

Two shots were fired which killed two Bhils instantaneously. It is further understood that the crowd numbering about 1,500 of Bhil males, females and children was absolutely peaceful and quiet. Bhils were dancing and beating drums, completely absorbed in merriment. Suddenly shots were heard and before the crowd could realise why and who fired the shots it saw two Bhils rolling in blood. The constables immediately took to heels. The Police Inspector has gone to the scene. The event has caused consternation among the Bhils.

3,840 PICE FINE FOR OVER-CHARGE OF PICE"

SURAT, March 13.—A Mandvi report says Bikabhai Haribhai who charged one pice more than the fixed rate for a match box was fined 3,840 pice by the First Class Magistrate of Mandvi.—A. P.

JINNAH FOR LAHORE

LAHORE, March 14: Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League is arriving in Lahore on March 18 when he will inaugurate the annual conference of the Punjab Muslim Students' Federation. Mr. Jinnah is expected to stay in Lahore till April 4 and attend the Punjab Muslim League Conference to be held at Sialkot on March 31.

Tenants' Rights

An important decision was given in the last week by Mr. Champaklal, a Judge in the Small Causes Court, Bombay, in a test case filed against tenants. The suit was filed by Mrs. Putlibai Bharucha and other trustees of Sir Shapurji Broacha Estates against one of their tenants, Mr. Deshmukh, living in their Tulsidas Tejpal Chawls, at Dadar. The rent charged was inclusive of electric light and served by a general meter in the name of the landlord. Upto July 1943 the tenants were getting light throughout the night. But afterwards light was switched off at 11-30 p.m., and switched on again at 5-30 a.m. Thus the hours of supply of electricity were curtailed.

The Court held that within the meaning of Section 7(1) of the Bombay Rent Restrictions Act, 1939, the rent was deemed to have been increased by the landlord by annas four as the terms of tenancy are considered to be less favourable than the previous terms. Messrs. S. C. Joshi, and K. M. Padhye, defended the case on behalf of the Bombay Tenants' Association.

KASTURBA DAY: Charka Sangh Bhandars in the city observed Tuesday as 'Kasturba Day' and remained closed for sales. Workers of Bhandars arranged instead programmes of spinning, prayers and lectures. Yarn of the total length of 65700 yards was spun by them during the day.

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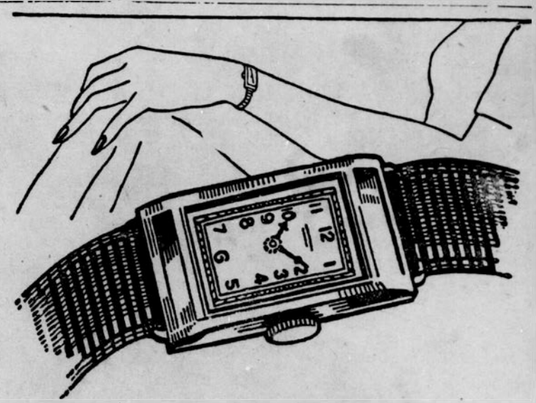

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Receipts will be given for the cards. These should be carefully preserved and on return to Bombay they should be produced at the Ward Rationing Office to get back the ration cards.

People going out of Bombay for two months or more will have to surrender their cards and when they return to the city, they will be given new cards on application.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 14.

Following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 9 hours on March 10, 1944 (Friday):

Allahabad 89 60 0; BOMBAY 88 70 0; Calcutta 93 66 0; Cawnpore 88 56 0; Cuttack 94 72 0; Darjeeling nil; Delhi, 87 56 0; Dehra Dun 77 51 0; Jacobabad 92 63 0; Karachi 79 70 0; Lahore 81 52 0; Lucknow 91 56 0; Madras 84 72 0; Nagpur 92 67 0; Patna 88 58 0; Peshawar 78 50 0; Shillong 71 45 0; Simla 58 45 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

All of us encounter, at least once in our life, some individual who utters words that make us think for ever. There are men whose phrases are oracles; who condense in a sentence the secrets of life; who blurt out an aphorism that forms a character or illustrates an existance. A great thing is a great book; but greater than all is the talk of a great man. —DISRAELI.

The Bombay Chronicle

DESERVED CENSURE

The Viceroy's Executive Council was trounced in the Central Assembly on Monday as it seldom, if ever, was. Mr. Abdul Qaiyum's cut motion reducing the grant under the head Executive Council was not only a censure motion but it also followed the principle of "grievances before supplies." There have been several censure motions in the House in the last few weeks but none the speeches on which were so outspoken as that carried by the House on Monday. Many strong epithets were hurled at the Council by representatives of all Indian parties. Mr. Qualyum described the Council as "a hybrid monster born of an illicit love affair between British imperialism and Indian vested interests." Sir Yamin Khan of the Muslim League Party characterised it as "a miniature form of Fascism and Nazism." The Indian section of the Council was singled out by some for special condemnation for the reason that, in the words of Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, the Government of India, paraded before the world as a Government of which two-thirds were Indians, is "as irresponsible and unresponsive as always in the past." The fraud, he said, that this was an Indian Government, had been practised for the last three years upon the world. "We can no longer be a party to the perpetuation of this fraud." The specific charges levelled at the Council were succinctly formulated by Mr. P. N. Banerjee, Leader of the Nationalists, and we may as well remind ourselves of these, lest we forget. First, the Executive Council placed very heavy burdens of taxation on the people. Secondly, expenditure was too high and the bulk of it was non-voted. Thirdly, the Council had not been able to prevent the greatest disaster in the country since 1770, namely, the Bengal famine. Fourthly, the Council had not been able to safeguard the economic interests of the country. **Fifthly, it had kept in prison or** detention large numbers of the people without trial for long periods of time and some of them had died in detention or prison. "Sixthly, members of the Executive Council were not responsible to this House or to the country; and seventhly, they were not even responsive to this House, because votes, resolutions and speeches of the elected sections of the House were disregarded and treated with contempt by the Government."

The defence by the Council's representatives was unusually poor, in so far as there was any defence at all. The gist of the charges was that the expanded Council, though paraded before the world as representative of the people, had flouted public opinion. The charge was not disproved, no attempt was made to disprove it. The Home Member only claimed that the Council was quite democratic in the sense that it "kept in view all the time the interests of all the people in its charge and not of any one particular section." The verdict of all the principal Indian parties in the Assembly proves how utterly untenable this plea is. The Home Member also contended that it was Congress itself that was undemocratic inasmuch as it withdrew its Ministries, "not at the behest of electors who had sent their representatives but under orders from Wardha." This and other attempts made these several years to discredit Congress are themselves discreditable and utterly futile. The Congress Ministries resigned because they knew well they would be fully supported by the electors. Nay, the Central Government and the British Government, too, knew this full well. If there was any chance of the Congress action being disapproved by the voters, Britain would have ordered general elections long ago. But Britain and her loyal servants in India have fought shy of general elections in any province or for the Central Legislature. Let the world judge who are flouting democracy. The Assembly verdict shows that India has seen through it all.

Wanted Explanation

Most confusing and unconvincing is Sir Olaf Caroe's reply to the question in the Central Assembly about the reported offer by the Government to release Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi. It may be remembered that Indian papers of February 24 published the following cable by Reuter from New York:

"Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Agent General for India in Washington said, 'At various times the Government considered her release from detention for health reasons, but she wished to remain with her husband and her wishes were respected'."

The Government of India's censors permitted the publication of this message. On the 28th Mr. Devadas Gandhi stated that this report was utterly wrong and that there was never any such offer of release. But Government did not correct the Bajpai story either immediately after it was given wide publicity by Reuter or after Mr. Devadas Gandhi contradicted it. Now when the question in Assembly has made any further discreet silence impossible Sir Olaf states that Sir Girjashankar never made the statement about release "published in the "Hindustan Times", and that the error was due to a correspondent's misunderstanding of Sir Girja Shankar's actual statement. But the statement appeared in most Indian papers and not merely in the "Hindustan Times". Why was a grossly wrong statement allowed to be so published by Government? And why did they not correct it at once? Is the correction cabled to Sir Girja Shankar and the American papers at least now? Explanation is necessary on these points.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Fighting In Burma

The capture of Buthidaung shows that the recent successes won by the Allied forces on the Arakan front were no mere flash in the pan and that there has been a definite if unspectacular turn of tide there. It is obvious that the 14th Army is now spoiling for further trials of strength with the Japs and it is to be hoped that it will be able to take Akyab in its stride before the monsoon begins. Apart from the capture of Buthidaung itself Allied forces have further strengthened their positions by clearing the enemy from the high ground to the south and south-west. In this action heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and a quantity of equipment and ammunition captured. In Northern Burma also the Sino-American forces are keeping up their advance. A gradual change for the better is thus coming over the strategic situation in Burma and one can now look forward with confidence to the time when the full strength of the South-East Asia Command will be brought to bear on this key front.

Another Soviet Bombshell

The Soviet Government has given the world one more surprise. In response to the request of the Badoglio Government to restore direct diplomatic relations between the two countries, the Soviet Government has agreed to exchange representatives enjoying the usual status without delay and in fact Russia will be the first country to have a full fledged Ambassador at the "court" of King Victor Emmanuel! The surprise is heightened by the fact that the similar requests made by Badoglio to Britain and the United States have evoked no response as yet and these two countries seem to be content with the present arrangement whereby they enjoy full control of liberated Italy with their Amgot, while leaving Badoglio to pull on as best as possible with the Italian people, who have little love lost for him or for the King either. Their feelings were expressed at the Bari Congress held in January and still more vociferously at the big demonstrations held at Naples last Sunday, where the various parties were united in their demand for a truly democratic government and for "an effective purge of state administration, beginning with dynastic personages and their collaborators." It is easy to see what effect the Soviet recognition of the King Victor regime will have upon the Italians themselves. They will remember the bitter criticism made by Soviet papers like the "Pravda" against the Badoglio Government and call the present 'volte face' a betrayal of Italian democracy. It is, of course, futile to analyse the reasons which have influenced the Soviet Government in taking the present step. It seems just another example of "realpolitik."

"The Next Mayor"

It is rather amusing to note that the prominent persons of the Congress Municipal party have chosen to remain behind the curtain and Mr. P. R. Lele has come forward with the reply to my statement.

I believe that Mrs. Suffi Tayebji's candidature for mayoralty was not supported by the Muslim League party of which she is a member perhaps, in defence to the sentiment prevailing among the major portion of Musalmans that Muslim women must remain in "purdah". If this were so the question of Muslim woman to become Mayor of Bombay may not be feasible for good many years to come.

But with Hindus it is different. It is, therefore, that I support the candidature of Mrs. Lilavati Munshi as the Madam Mayor this time. As far as her services are concerned, there are no two opinions and naturally she is fully entitled to claim the honour for herself.

The President of the B.P.C.C., who is at present a detenu, will be shortly disqualified as a Corporator due to his enforced absence from the Corporation according to the Rules and in case he is at all elected to be the Mayor then the Congress will have to hunt for another incumbent for the unexpired term of his office. May I know the wisdom or benefit of electing such a person who is unable to attend to and fulfil his civic duties as a Mayor?

It is apparent that the Congress members themselves recognise no such superior claim of their B.P.C.C. President in jail to be the Mayor and his claim is a subject of keen contest between as many as seven candidates, including the present leader of the party.

On principle I consider it unfair that the leader of the Congress party or any leader of the B.P.C.C. should offer himself as candidate for posts of honour such as mayoralty or chairmanships of the various statutory or special Committees, as they are in a position to exercise undue influence on other members of their party and thus deprive other members of their due and legitimate claim to have a share in these posts of honour. On the contrary they should remain satisfied with their status as such leaders in the Congress and help to bring out the hidden qualities of other members of their party by offering such positions to them, and thus justify their claim as true leaders of their party.

M. ROWJI.

BATTLE-FRONTS, A QUAGMIRE

BERLIN, March 14.

New reserves on both sides have been thrown into the bitter struggle in the southern sector of the eastern front, said today's German communique.

"The roads are a quagmire and the country is a sea of mud" Reuter's Special Correspondent at advanced Allied Hqrs. in Italy cables:

The skies were clearing in Western Italy yesterday but further rain on both the coasts and more snow in the mountain sectors have transferred the battle fronts especially the 8th Army front into quagmires. These conditions have precluded large scale movements and patrol work and exchanges of fire have been the extent of the fighting which has now been quiet for over a week.

On the Eighth Army front, the Valleys are literally waist deep in mud.

Two patrol actions have occurred in the Beachhead in the Littorio Sector where an American patrol took 13 prisoners four and half miles west of Cisterna. A German patrol about 20 strong tried to cross the Moletta about three miles inland from the Beachhead coast on Sunday night and were driven off by artillery and mortar fire. The Luftwaffe made four small raids on the Beachhead and the unloading area on Sunday night, dropping anti-personal bombs, but there are no reports of damage.

The liveliest patrol actions occurred on the Eighth Army front where the Germans attacked the Indian positions near Orsogna at 20-00 hours on Sunday from three directions but were driven off by the combined concentrated fire of all arms. The Germans made two more attacks during Sunday night but these were also driven off as was a strong German patrol which tried to make a house occupied by Indian troops.—Reuter.

RUSSIA GIVES TIME TO FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, March 14.

Russia in a stern reply is understood to have given Finland a few more days to accept the armistice terms.

A message from Helsinki says that "dramatic developments" are expected in the next few days. It suggests that the Finnish Government must take a quick decision or face severe consequences.—Reuter.

HELSINKI SUMMONS PARLIAMENT

STOCKHOLM, March 14: Swedish Press reports from Helsinki say that the Finnish Government has summoned a secret session of Parliament today to hear the Soviet reply to Finland's answer to the Soviet peace proposals.

These reports say it is believed that the prospect of agreement by Finland on the basis of the latest Moscow note is remote.

These reports are not confirmed by information through official channels, which so far do not even confirm reports that the Soviet reply has reached Helsinki.—Reuter.

CONTACT NOT YET BROKEN OFF

Reports that were circulating last night that contacts between Finland and Soviet Russia had 'led to no result' seem to have been premature The Swedish Press says that contact has not yet been broken off. According to information gathered in political circles the latest Moscow reply does not close the door to continued negotiations on the basis of the original Russian terms. The attitude of the Finnish Government to these terms, however, is not felt to justify optimism.—Reuter.

Arakan Campaign Prospects

BALDWIN CAN "DISH IT OUT" TO THE JAPS

(From Mr. D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" Special War Correspondent, Calcutta).

H.Q. OF THE 14TH ARMY, Mar. 11.

Landing on river bed at Chungking at midnight two years ago, only to see Burma sizzle made one feel a sense of frustration tempered only by the morale of Chinese people who refused to accept defeat. With all the writing up of the morale and writing down of the defeat, it was difficult to dismiss the predominant fact that the Far Eastern situation was gradually deteriorating and that the best one could do was to retreat according to plan.

But even retreating according to plan looked a little overdone when in a short space of four or five months, the Japs had climbed the Burma map from Rangoon to Mityakyina leaving Allies not even a single air strip in Burma whereon to land.

Those were days of mass evacuation and mass retreat and people both of India and China turned uncomfortably in their beds wondering at whose door the Jap would knock in the morning. For them it was not enough to read pompous statements wherein it was said that Burma "shall and must be retaken."

"A GEOGRAPHICAL EXPRESSION"

In six years of war with Japan they had seen China peppered and plastered by continual bombing till in parts it had become in Sir John Simon's phrase "a geographical expression" while the only retaliation which the three Allied Powers could offer was one solitary raid on Tokyo.

To-day, as I write from the press camp at the Headquarters of the Fourteenth Army with the sun gently setting on this dust-covered terrain, one feels one has a better grip on this war on the Eastern Front than one had in those days in Chungking. A fleet of Jeeps stand rigidly to attention in the courtyard, while in Chungking there was not even petrol to fill a cigarette lighter. How different one sighs with relief from days when a story meant a long tedious dusty hike over the Liangukuo if Chinese rickshaw-pullers were not in a mood to be sociable. But it is not because of jeeps and extra petrol or better living conditions that one feels one has a better grip on this war. It is because one becomes conscious for the first time of a driving force which Bergson might have called "Elan Vitale". Only we know it now by a different name which spells itself "SEAC". SEAC is more than Lord Louis Mountbatten. It is also more than a geographical area. The transformation that has occurred in the minds of men who have been campaigning these two years against the Jap. It is no longer regarded possible for a Colonel in Poona to move a couple of paperweights on his writing table under the 'Punkah' and regard it as rehearsal for a skirmish in the Arakan. The Jap can take more than that he has shown and he can dish it out. No one disputes that here at the Headquarters of the Fourteenth Army and this more than any other fact augurs well for the future. The Arakan is to be no repertory show. When time comes it will have all the ceremony and dignity of a first night in the West End. Stage is set for that kind of action. The cast is picked from men who have that breadth of vision derived chiefly from first hand knowledge of war as has been actually fought as distinct from the proverbial "Poona War" on paper.

BALDWIN KNOWS IT

In this cast comes Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, 51-year-old Air Officer Commanding, 3rd Tactical Air Force on Burma Front. Like Chenault of the American Volunteer group in China Sir John Baldwin has also taught his men that the best way to beat the Jap is to treat his fighting power with respect. Sir John Baldwin has kindled in the I.A.F. and the R.A.F. fighting under him that spirit of thoroughness in operations as evidenced by their score which is 33 Jap planes shot down, 29 probables and 33 damaged for a corresponding loss of nine Allied planes in the space of four weeks. A soldier to tips of his fingres with all the polish of R.A.F. having his background in Rugby and Sandhurst, it is difficult to believe that Sir John Baldwin was once an A. D. C. to the Governor of the United Provinces ushering local knights into the presence of the 'raj'. But that must have been a different Baldwin I feel sure for Sir John Baldwin the Air Commander of the Third Tactical Air Force of the S. E. A. C. in World War two is commanding the pick of young men of the air. He has all the marks of leadership stamped on him and in his eyes, is the bitterness caused perhaps by the loss of his only son in North Africa. Sir John Baldwin recalls the French soldier saying "on les aura" we will have them. Sir John Baldwin will, before he has finished with this job on Burma front.

Assembly Move To Control Govt.'s Expenditure

League 'Cut' Motion Asking For Appointment Of Legislative Committee Passed

NEW DELHI, March 14.

The Assembly passed by 55 votes to 46 the Muslim League's cut motion moved by Sir Yamin Khan, asking for the appointment of a Committee of the Central Legislature to scrutinise Government expenditure and suggest economy in it.

The Assembly to-day discussed the Muslim League cut motions.

The first moved by Sir Muhammad Yamin Khan sought to reduce the demand under the head "Finance Department" by Re. 1/- to discuss the need of immediately appointing a committee of the elected members of the Central Legislature assisted by suitable officials to scrutinise the expenditure for which the Government of India was responsible and suggest where economies could be affected.

Sir Muhammad commending the motion said that neither the Standing Finance Committee nor the Public Accounts Committee was such as to meet the purpose he had in view. He criticised the expenditure of Rs. three crores on evacuees from Malava and Burma at the expense of the poor people in this country whose 'supari,, tea and coffee had been taxed.

EXTRAVAGANCE & LACK OF CONTROL

Mentioning examples of extravagance and lack of control, Sir Muhammad Yamin Khan said that he knew of an instance in which two lakhs of shoes were purchased by the Government from Cawnpore and they were found to be all for one foot (Laughter).

Sardar Mangal Singh considered Sir Yamin Khan's proposal very necessary at present. He asked the Finance Member whether expenditure on troops under Lord Louis Mountbatten would be borne by India.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir was afraid the motion was rather vague but what he wished was a representative 'ad hoc' Committee to go into the question of allocation of expenditure between England and India.

ANTI-WASTE DRIVE CALLED FOR

Mr. K. C. Neogy referred to the European Group leader's suggestion made earlier in the session that an anti-waste drive was called for. The motion, he said, proposed machinery for undertaking such a drive. What was suggested was that a committee of the Legislature should be enabled to scrutinise the expenditure for which the Government were responsible and suggest economies.

Sir V. N. Chandavarkar said that he was supporting the motion for the principle underlying it and he wanted an investigation of the workings of some of the departments. He thought it necessary so that there should be some machinery for scrutinising the vast expenditure incurred.

EXECUTIVE ON TEST

Mr. Sami Venkatachellam Chetty (Congress) in support of the cut motion said that unless there was something which the Government desired to conceal from scrutinising eyes there was no reason to oppose the motion. Here was a chance for the Executive Council, though not responsible to the Legislature, to be responsive to it, he said.

Mr. J. C. Chatterjee (Nominated Non-official) was constantly heckled by the Opposition when he rose to oppose the motion. He said he was not convinced by the speeches made in support of the resolution.

A Member: You will never be convinced.

MORE FRUSTRATION

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta who abstained yesterday, was also cheered when he rose to support the motion "on its merits". He said it was not stunt mongering and he wished Government would readily accept. Part of the bitterness in the House, Mr. Jamnadas said, as the Supply Member pointed out yesterday was due to frustration. Any attempt on the part of the Government to become obstinate would only lead to more frustration and more irresponsibility.

RAISMAN'S REPLY

The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman entirely agreed on the principle of endeavouring to secure economy in Government Expenditure. He also agreed it was impossible for any Finance Member to oppose in principle a motion of the kind that was before the House. His reply to the motion was that he should have to study the speeches made for some time longer than he had been able to do today he would have to consider whether there was any common content which could be met and above all whether it was practicable with the machinery at Government's disposal to make the working of such a Committee fruitful.

The Finance Member explained that the Auditor-General was in a position comparable to that of a high judicial authority and the allocation of expenditure between the two countries was a quasi-judicial procedure. The Finance Member therefore could not see how a committee like the one under discussion could enter the field.

The cut motion was passed by 55 votes to 46.

Khan Bahadur Piracha (Muslim League) then moved a cut motion to reduce the demand under the head 'Department of Overseas' by Rs. 100. Khan Bahadur Piracha said his object was to impress on Government the need for permitting and providing facilities for pilgrimage to the Hedjaz. He had not concluded his speech when the House adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

THREE INJURED IN EXPLOSION

KARACHI, March 14: A Bhil and his two sons were wounded in the Beghar Khata quarter of Karachi this morning as the result of an explosion. It appears that while out in the jungle, they found a globe-shaped object and brought it home. When they tried to break it open there was a loud explosion which caused injuries to all the three persons.—A.P.

TWO DETENUS RELEASED

KARACHI, March 14: Mr. Dharamchander Jiandadni and Mr. Tharumal Thakur who were being detained as security prisoners were released from the special jail at Sukkur yesterday.—A. P.

45 DETENUS RELEASED

MADRAS, March 14: It is officially stated that the Government of Madras have so far released unconditionally 45 detenus on the recommendation of the Revision Board appointed by the Government. There are still about 435 detenus belonging to Madras.—A. P.

SHIMOGA (Mysore State): The meeting of the first All-India States Hindu Mahasabha Conference will be held on the banks of the Tunga on 8th April and the two succeeding days.

MR. K. RAMA RAO

BY P. D. TANDON.

When the lights of the "National Herald" are out, its contingent of sub-editors and correspondents is scattered all over the country, its inspiring spirit, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is detained indefinitely, it is time to pay a tribute to its chief Mr. K. Rama Rao, who made the "Herald" and gave his all to it. The people of this province, and particularly congressmen and students owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Rama Rao, who fought their battles so splendidly during the days of terrific turmoil. "Herald" and Mr. Rama Rao are inseparable. One cannot talk of the "Herald", without mentioning Mr. Rama Rao. Mr. Churchill has described a newspaper as a combination of a battleship in action and the noise of a general election. Mr. Rama Rao made the "Herald" a battleship, whose broadsides played havoc with the enemies of Indian freedom.

Mr. Rama Rao is extremely emotional and vibrantly sensitive. He instinctively revolts against tyranny and injustice. He feels intensely and that gives his writings vitality and vigour. His style quivers with feelings. It has, at its best, the "fine excess" which is associated with great writings. His indignation invests his editorials with artistic dignity. His style has been aptly described by a distinguished journalist as "direct, dynamic, and machine-gunning".

Mr. Rama Rao does not inspire awe in his subordinates, but love, loyalty and admiration. He captained the "Herald" team in the highest comradely spirit. He refuses to hob-nob with big politicians and rich men, because he sincerely believes that it might compromise his editorial responsibilities. He never allows politicians to bully his subordinates. One day I went to interview a very prominent politician. He instead of giving an interview, showered abuse on the "Herald", and tried to humiliate me too. I promptly protested vigorously and left him. After the incident, I wrote everything to Mr. Rama Rao in detail. He wrote back saying, "I am not sorry that you started the New Year in thunder and lightning. Why on earth did you go and call upon that old fool? You should have known in what mortal terror these fellows hold the "Herald". I am glad you behaved nicely. That is the only way of teaching lessons to these big men, when they lose their heads."

People of the "Herald" were hardly well paid, because of constant troubles that it had to face. One day a sub-editor went to Mr. Rama Rao for an increment. Mr. Rama Rao smilingly said, "My dear Young man, you ask for an increment from me, but to whom should I go for it for myself? But is it not enough that we all are of the "Herald" and Nehru? Remember that suffering is the badge of the people of the "Herald". We have to wait for really good days." The sub-editor's face glowed up for a while and a smile stretched itself over it, and he went away saying, "All right, Chief."

Mr. Rama Rao is capable of taking infinite pains. Terribly hard work at the "Herald" shattered his health and he developed insomnia. Three years ago he had a severe attack of small-pox, and he was removed to the hospital. One evening the news went round the city that his condition was very critical. A number of people reached the hospital to see him and they thought that his end was near, but luckily his condition improved and he began to recover. A few days after his recovery, Mr. M. Chalapati Rao, Mr. Rama Rao's chief lieutenant at the "Herald" who had attended on him during his illness, one day told him that 'that' day his condition was very serious. Mr. Rama Rao laughed heartily and said, "It was my 'scoop' during my illness, and I created a sensation. I could not have died. I have to do much for the "Herald." "Herald" is his song, his slogan his passion.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"It is charged against us that we refuse our natives social, political and economic equality. This is so, and I do not altogether defend our system, but nonetheless our attitude towards our native races is a friendly one. It is that perhaps of the feudal barons towards their serfs."

—Colonel Reitz, South African High Commissioner in London.

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Mosquitoes Raid Germany

—Headline.

Hitler should take a lot more quinine!

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Sir Yamin Khan, in the Assembly, said that the present Government of India was "a miniature form of Fascism and Nazism."

We believe the Government members took strong objection—to the word "miniature."

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Referring to the Sarma Circus touring England and America, Sir Yamin said that they were misrepresenting the country abroad.

But then they are only doing their duty to their masters!

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A Rao Bahadur, M.L.A., opposing the cut motion, pleaded that the present Indian members of the Executive Council were there to fill the vacuum.

Can a vacuum fill a vacuum?

* * *

Sir Frederick James (European Group) said that his group proposed to vote against the motion for a number of reasons.

We know all the reasons by heart. There was no need for him to enumerate them!

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Can anyone improve upon the following description of the Official and Nominated members of the Assembly?

"The real automata are there. They can't think; they are not allowed to think but must follow the dictates of somebody for all time to come, whatever their reasoning faculties might be. They are people who blindly walk into the lobbies. They are the automata who talk. Theirs not to reason why but to vote, and die when the time comes." The only thing Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar forgot to mention about his tribe is that they are paid well for doing all this!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Government of India has once again vindicated democracy in the Assembly by swallowing yet another censure motion with good grace.*

(2) *The Bori Bunder organ rejoices to announce "Narrow Majority For Opposition" as a tribute to the Yesmen of the Official and Nominated blocs who obediently voted for the Government.*

(3) *The British conservatives are so worried over the Italian developments that they are thinking of bringing back Mussolini to deal with the Communists and Socialists.*

(4) *An "atoll" is an amphibious hill feature of the Pacific terrain.*

(5) *Hitler is reshuffling his Command so often that he might reshuffle himself out of it one day!*

(6) *Goebbels has been shouting so much recently that Hitler has had to order a special "iron lung" for him.*

(7) *As a result of the strained relations between Britain and Eire, George Bernard Shaw is to be repatriated.*

PUNJAB GOVT.'S SOLICITUDE FOR MRS. NAIDU'S AILING SISTER!

LAHORE, March 14.

The Premier of the Punjab had to face a volley of supplementaries when the question relating to the prohibitory order of the Punjab Government on Mrs. Sarojini Naidu at the time of her recent visit to Lahore in January came up for discussion in the Assembly to-day.

The Premier stated that it had been done with the view to preventing her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order.

He was asked whether the Government were aware that Mrs. Naidu was on a private visit to her ailing sister, Miss Mrilini Chattopadhya, the Premier stated that the Government really wanted that she should give all her time to her sister and look after her.

Therefore, he said, that the order did not affect her stay in Lahore.

Replying to a further question, as to how the Government concluded that Mrs. Naidu was going to act prejudicially, the Premier said that it was a possibility. He said that the Government wanted that she should not come to any trouble in Lahore. The order would go against her if only she took part in any political activity.

The Premier replied in the negative when he was asked if the Government would appoint a committee to enquire into the conduct of the officers responsible for the lathi charge on the All-India Hindu Mahasabha Presidential Procession.

M.L.A.S DETAINED

Replying to another question the Premier stated that the eleven members of the Assembly were detained in the Punjab in order to prevent them from acting prejudicially. Asked as to how the Government made distinction between Congressmen released and detained, the Premier stated that those who were considered dangerous were kept behind bars.

Questioned whether the interned M.L.A.s would be allowed to attend the Assembly meetings, the Premier said that while released they were subjected to conditions by which they must abide.—United Press.

Press Adviser Does It

LAHORE, March 13.

In the Punjab Assembly replying to a question about the suppression of a statement of Dr. Kitchlew issued on August 9 last, the Congress leaders' arrest day, the Premier said that no order was passed by Government in this connection, but advice against its publication was given by the Special Press Adviser when it was submitted to him incidentally by a representative of a newspaper published outside the province. The Premier declined to give reasons for this in public interest.—United Press.

KRISHNA NAIR ACQUITTED IN APPEAL

LAHORE, March 13.—Krishna Nair, a prominent Congress worker of Narela in Delhi Province, who had been sentenced to two years' R.I. by a Delhi Magistrate under D.I.R. 35 (4) on a charge of setting fire to Gheora railway station near Delhi in November, 1942, has been acquitted by Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir of the Lahore High Court. The appeals of his two co-accused Ramjilal and Ajitsingh were, however, dismissed.

His Lordship gave the benefit of doubt to Krishna Nair and acquitted him.—A.P.

Crown Withdraws "Vir Bharat" Cases

LAHORE, March 14.—When the case under D.I.R. for the publication of alleged objectionable news against Mr. Shivram Sevak, printer and publisher, Mr. Pretam Zai, Chief Editor, Mr. Hardayal Shad, editor-in-charge, and Mr. Jagannath, correspondent of the "Vir Bharat," was taken up for hearing in the court of a Lahore Magistrate, the Crown Counsel submitted that he had received instructions from the Punjab Government to withdraw the case. The Court granted application.—United Press.

Narad Arrested And Bailed Out

(From Our Correspondent).

JUBBULPORE, March 13.

Apropos the search made at Narad's house on last Friday night, the police revisited his residence last night and seized Mr. Narad's Remington portable typewriter.

Yesterday the police approached with a warrant of arrest issued in Nagpur under Sec. 11 Sub-Sec. 2 of Detention and Restriction Ordinance III of 1944. Mr. Narad was released on bail. He has been asked to appear before the Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur, on March 17.

The allegations against Mr. Narad are that he disclosed the grounds of detention of certain detenus in Jubbulpore jail.

P. A. Karkhanis Released

Mr. Pandurang Appaji Karkhanis, a Congress worker of Kolaba, who was convicted for two years' imprisonment on October 22, 1942, was released from Thana Jail on March 10. He has been ordered not to enter Kolaba District for eight months.

CORRESPONDENT ARRESTED FOR STARVATION DEATH STORY

NASIK, March 13.

Mr. Kesharchand Gopaldas Jaju, the Sinnar correspondent of "Gavkari", a local weekly, has been arrested under D.I.R. on a charge of supplying false news to the paper, says a report received from Sinnar.

The weekly published a report from Mr. Jaju stating that two persons died of starvation at Sinnar. According to enquiries made by the authorities one of the persons reported to have died is still alive and the other did not die of starvation.

The District Magistrate of Nasik has called for an explanation from the editor of the paper also in this connection.—United Press.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 14.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar moderate turnover. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,172 and improved to Rs. 2,175 while Ordinary

Active Shares At A Glance

T S Ord (423) 427 25 25/8 24/8 25/8 22/8 24 24/8 25/8 24/8 23 21 22, T S Dfd. (2160) 2172/8 70 80 72/8 71 71 65 70 72 67 77 72 65 57 65, Dyeing (2122/8) 2127 37/8 30 21 25 27 22 26 22 28 17 16 17 16, Century (1040) 1046 50 52 60 52 60 45, Kohinoor (716) 720 19 21 17 15 17 14 17 13 11 12 11, Swadeshi (614) 614 9 11 9 6 8 6 7 6 4 5, Nagpur (436/8) 440 36 37 34 36 35 32 35, Simplex (266) 269 65/8 63 64 63 64 62 63, New Great (436) 439 40 36 32 34 27 28, Swan (390) 392 93 92 90 92 91 86 87, Cement (222/4) 222/8 23 22 22/8.

Shares opened at Rs. 426 and reacted to Rs. 424 under scattered realising. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,130 and steadied at Rs. 2,128. Century Shares were placed at Rs. 1,045, Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 719 and steadied at Rs. 717.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmed., Advance 812-8; Apollo 5-2; Bharat Mills 84-8; Bom. Dyeing 2116-4; Cent. India 455; Century 1045; Colaba 246; Dawn 1140; Edward Sass. 780; Elphinstone 113; Finlay 346; Gokak 362 Indore Malwa 1175; Khatau 425; Ind. United Ordy. 19-5; do Defd 4-3 Indore Malwa 1175; Khatau 425; Kohinoor 711; Lakshmi 1850; Mathowji 26-8; Minerva 326-4; Model Nagpur 323-12; Madhusudan 520; Meyer Sassoon 253-12; Morarji 750; Mysore 322-8; New Great 426; Phoenix 765; Polar Mills 482-8; Sassoon Silk 104; do Spg. 30-8; Sholapur 8700 Shri Nivas 451-4 Simplex 263; Swadeshi 605; Swan 387; Tata Mills 65; Vishnu 582-8; Western India 3700.

INSURANCE SECTION: Bom. Life 227-8; Empire Life 820; Oriental 6310; Vulcan 19-12; Ind. and Prudent 40-8; Ind. Mercantile 84-8; Jupiter 40; New India 90-8.

BANK SECTION: Baroda Bank 139-12; Bank of India 180-8; Central Bank 94-4; Imperial Bank 1932-8; do P. P. 508-12; Habib Bank 87; Union Bank 10-2; Reserve Bank 135-8; Dena Bank 8000.

MISC. SECTION: Alembic Chem. 390; Alcock Ashdown 630; Asso. Cement 222-8; Bom. Burma Old 412-8; do New 148-12; Belapur 240; B B Petrols 3-4; Invest Trust 78; Bom. Steamer 685-12; Prem. Const. 219; Port Canning 110; Scindia 36-6; Shivrajpur 69-8; Tata Chem. 31-8; Tata Oil 82-8; Tata Ordy 422; Tata Defd 2165; Wimco 326-4; Burma Corp. 3-12 H. Co. Bank 62-8; U Co Bank 77-8; Jaipur Bank 72-8.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was quietly steady, to-day with a Sering Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. There is a decided change in the general sentiment and owing to limited supply of Silver prices are being pushed up under speculative buying Forward Silver opened at Rs. 124 and rose to Rs. 125. There was scarcity of offerings. Ready Gold commanded a premium of Rs. 2/8 which shows acute shortage of stocks. Gold market was neglected with a restricted turnover. Forward Gold was quoted at Rs. 71 and Spot quotation was Rs. 71-1. The market is mostly influenced by Kathiawar market reports which continue bullish.

Later on there was increased realising and quotations reacted. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 127-4, Forward Rs. 124-4. Ready Gold Rs. 71-0-6, Forward Rs. 70-15-6.

COTTON: The local cotton market was again steady to-day with moderate demand. It is said that Bears were freely covering recently their short sales and the technical position is somewhat weakened temporarily. Moreover there is fear of up-country hedge selling as demand in the interior markets remains disappointed. The market opened very steady at Rs. 449 and improved to Rs. 451 on moderate buying. At the advance there appeared some realising and May reacted to Rs. 450. Tone of the market was steady but higher prices are likely to induce moderate liquidation.

There was a fare amount of realising which depressed May contract to Rs. 446/8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C March Rs 446-12; I C C May Rs 446-12; I C C July Rs. 452-8; I C C Sept. Rs. 455.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York March 351 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, March 13.

I C C March highest 450 lowest 444, closing 449. I C C May highest 450-1/2 lowest 444 closing 449. I C C July highest 456 lowest 450, closing 454-1/2. I C C September highest 457 lowest 450-1/2 closing 456-1/2.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Barsi 162, Berar 1, Central Provinces 683, Dholerss 256, Broach 907, Egyptians 14,535, Soucan 14,297, total 30,841 Bales.

READY COOTTON QUOTATIONS
Khandesh Jarilla Old 270/300, New 350/380, Berar Jarilla Old 310/320, New 400/420, 289 F Jarilla Old 480/520, New 600/625, N T Jarilla Old 450/460, New 550/560, 289 F Sawginned Old 500/550, New 675/685.

COTTON ROOM RATES
Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 471, Sup 461, Fine 451, F Good 444, Broach Extra Spr-fine 471, Sup 466, Fine 461 F Good 456, L S S Pun/Ame Extra spr-fine 585, Sup 580, Fine 575, F Good 570, 289 F Pun/Ame Extra Spr-fine 630, Sup 625, Fine 620, F Good 615, S G 289 Extra Spr-fine 675, Sup 670, Fine 665, F Good 660, N T Sind/Ameri Extra Spr-fine 575, Sup 570, Fine 565, F Good 560, Sawgin Sind/Ameri Extra Spr-fine 620, Sup 615, Fine 610, F Good 605.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 13.
March 21.30+11, May 20.83+12, July 20.23+14, October 19.63+15, December 19.41+17, January 19.33+16, May Highest 20.83+12 (3 p.m.), Lowest 20.72+01 (10-40 p.m.), Middling Spot 21.77+09.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New Yoork, March 13.
March 21.44+14, May 20.98+14, July 20.38+13, October 19.65+17, December 19.43+18, January 19.33+18, Middling Spot 21.16+14.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.
March 21.22, May 20.75, July 20.14.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, March 10.

FOOD GRAINS: There was a general rise in food grain prices despite excellent crop reports and highly bearish rice crop estimates recently published. This is primarily due to poor local supplies and good spot demand for wheat. Other food grains, stocks of which are very small here rose in sympathy with wheat. The current prices are as follows: Wheat fine 13-5 average 12-5 gram 9-6-6, Barley 7-4-6, peas 6-10-9, maize 8-6-9 and bajra 6-15-3.

PULSES: Futures remained highly active and witnessed bullish drive. Forward prices of both Urad and Moong rose sharply. Arhar was very quiet. Wagon supply is very poor and unless sufficient number of wagons is available, prices have little chance of rise. Current prices arhar 8, Urad balshak 10-10-6, touched 10-13-6 Moong jeth 9-4-6, touched 9-6-6.

GUR: U. P. Government have at long last decided to allow exports of gur through the trade on permits to different receiving areas. This has steadied the tone to-day. Local stock exceeds 3 lakh maunds. Here also if sufficient number of wagons is not available, this heavy stock will not be easily liquidated. Current rates are fine 6-4 average 5-14.

RAPESEED AND OIL: Undertone remained very steady and prices rose sharply. Current prices are oil 36-4 rapeseed 3-1/2 seers per rupee.

Weather was seasonable.

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 3rd March 1944.

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:—
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each Rs. 11,25,00,000, Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each Rs. 11,25,00,000, Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid Rs. 3,75,00,000, 1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each Rs. 125 paid Rs. 1,87,50,000 Rs. 5,62,50,000, Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares Rs. 5,62,50,000, Reserve Fund Rs. 5,85,00,000, Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts Rs. 214,84,23,000 Sundries Rs. 89,30,000. Total Rs. 227,21,-03,000.

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—
Government Securites Rs. 141,50,82,-000, Other Authorised Investments Rs. 2,90 68,0[illegible] Rs. 144,41,50,000.

ADVANCES:
Loans Rs. 13,75,66,000, Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 32,48,81,000, Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 4,46,50,-000, Rs. 50,67,97,000, Dead Stock Rs. 1,70,87,000, Sundries Rs. 1,00,31,000.

CASH:—
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 27,82,80,000, Balances with other Banks Rs. 1,57,58,000 Rs. 29,40,38,000, Total Rs. 227,21,03,000.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. six crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 14th March 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 5,41,25,000—(Rupees five crores forty-one lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-12-9 and above were accepted in full. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 4,56,25,000—(Rupees four crores fifty-six lakhs twenty-five thousand only) the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 0-13-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. four crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Wednesday the 22nd March 1944, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Tuesday the 21st March 1944 at other centres including Karachi. Successful tenderes should make payment on Friday the 24th March 1944. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week-ended 10th March 1944, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,49,50,000—(Rupees three crores forty-nine lakhs fifty thousand only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

IMPROVEMENT IN INDIAN COTTON

SURAT, March 13.

Three schemes at an aggregate cost of about seven lakhs of rupees are being put into effect in Gujerat, with a view to improve the short staple cotton grown in this area, it was disclosed here today. It is stated that the schemes will help to improve the quality of the short staple cotton, though the acreage has been reduced after the advent of the grow more food campaign.

35 per cent of the original acreage under cotton amounting to about eight lakhs acres in Gujerat has been turned over to food crops.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 14.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 9/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 5/16, 3 and 4 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16, D D 1/6 15/16, Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32, Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32.

LONDON-NEW YORK: Banks selling T T Rs 332-3/4 D D Rs 332-3/4, Banks buying T T Rs 329-1/2 D D Rs 326-1/2.

LONDON-MONTREAL: Banks selling T T Rs 302-1/2 D D Rs 302-1/2, Banks buying T T Rs 297-3/4 D D Rs 294-3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady, Dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent, Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 per cent, 3 to 5 months 1/2 per cent, 3 to 5 months 1/2 per cent, 6 to 9 months 3/4 per cent 10 to 11 months 1 per cent, and 12 months 1-1/4 per cent.

Tone:—Easy.

NEW SUBSTITUTE FOR RICE

COLOMBO, March 8.

The people of Ceylon will shortly have a new substitute for rice from Australia called "Rycena". This grain is a product of wheat with its gluten removed and is said to bear a close resemblance to rice. It is claimed that it possesses certain qualities superior to those of polished rice, especially from the point of view of nutrition. Preparations made out of "rycena" were subjected to several tests by the authorities recently. The Food Commissioner, it is learnt, has personally satisfied himself about the tastiness of the meals prepared out of the new grain.

Rycena, which is expected to cost the consumer less than rice in that it does not need to be taken in the same quantities as rice, will shortly be made available for purchase by the public in regulated quantities.—A. P.

Mr. A. N. Billimoria Presented With Rs. 5,000 Purse

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(From A Correspondent.)

NAVSARI, March 13.

A meeting was held at Khoorshedwadi, under the presidency of Dasturji Kekobad D. Meherjirana, to congratulate Mr. Ardeshar N. Billimoria, editor and proprietor of "Cherag", on the lifelong service rendered by him to his community in his above journal, as well as in the press and on platform, in religious and social matters, as well as his services to the town of Navsari through the "Noshir Lodge". An address was presented to Mr. Billimoria encased in a beautiful casket, eulogising his manifold services and a purse of Rs. 5,000, collected from his friends and admirers, was also given.

Mr. Billimoria said he had never cared for money, but for Service alone. He expressed his desire to give away the journal 'Cherag' founded by his late lamented father and his private library worth about Rs. 20,000 to the Parsi community for its welfare. The President then announced that the purse amount of Rs. 5,000 would be spent in the advancement of the 'Cherag' according to Mr. Billimoria's desire.

Teacher's Wife Commits Suicide

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A verdict of suicide was recorded by the jury to-day when further inquest on the body of Prabhawatibai Manilal was resumed at the city Coroner's Court.

The deceased was residing with her husband at Gaiwadi and on February 8, she and her husband Manilal, a teacher in a city school, had some argument over her going to the village of her mother. Manilal wanted her to go with him to his mother's place. Next day when Manilal returned from his work, he found his wife vomitting. She was removed to hospital where she died.

DIPLOMAS IN TAILORING AND CUTTING

The following students have received their Diplomas in Tailoring and Cutting from London, through Mr. S. E. Kotwal, Master Tailor:—

May 1943.—Misses Daulat R. Bakhtiari, Dina A. Sherdivala, Coomi N. Maneckji, Aloo S. Damania, Dolly R. Bharucha, Tehmi F. Engineer, Pundol J. D., Mrs. Gool J. Bulsara, Mrs. Piloo Malcolm, Mr. Rusi B. Chinimini and Mr. Marzban R. Khan.

LONDON MONEY MARKET

LONDON, March 11.

Conditions on the Money Market this week have been less comfortable as reflected in the further decrease in bankers deposits in the weekly Bank of England return. Supplies have been adequate, however, without recourse to special bill buyer. Although banks themselves have been only small buyers of bills. Applications for next week's treasury bills totalled £190 million and £90 million was allotted at an average rate of £1.34d per cent. The will again be offered and banks asked to provide a hundred million sterling against treasury receipts which is about £30 million in excess of maturities.—Reuter.

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Calcutta Deaths Show Increase

CALCUTTA, March 14.—Deaths in the city from all causes during the week ending the 11th March, totalled 1,250 recording an increase of 119 over the previous week's figure, according to the vital statistics of the Calcutta Corporation. Deaths of 'paupers', however, decreased to 210 from 252 in the preceding week.

Yesterday six sick destitutes died in one hospital in Calcutta.

Stray Deer Lands In Police Lock-Up

CALCUTTA, March 14.

An interesting visitor to the railway police lock-up at the Sealdh station yesterday was a full-grown spotted deer which was found skipping on the platform of the main station quite bewildered by the din and bustle of the place.

The animal attracted the notice of police sergeant on duty who deposited it with the railway police authorities. A nine-hour search having failed to locate its owner it was put in a lock-up for the night.—A. P.

Mrs. Pandit For Bombay

ALLAHABAD, March 14: Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit is leaving for Bombay on April 1 to attend the All-India Session of the Women's Conference. She expects to visit Bengal later to see the work of the Save the Children Fund. Interviewed by the United Press, Mrs. Pandit expressed satisfaction at the progress of the work in this connection.—United Press.

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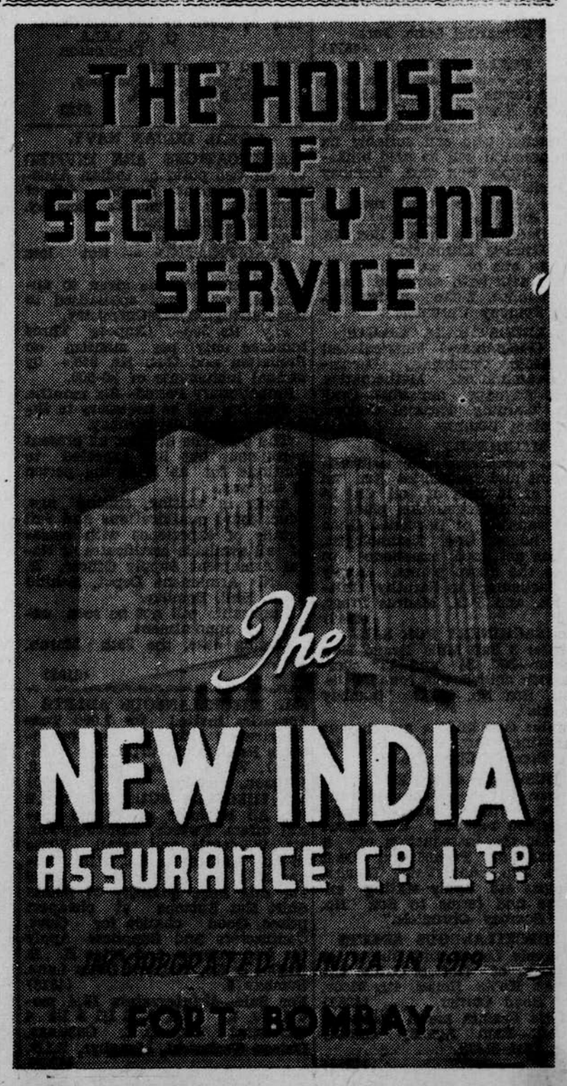
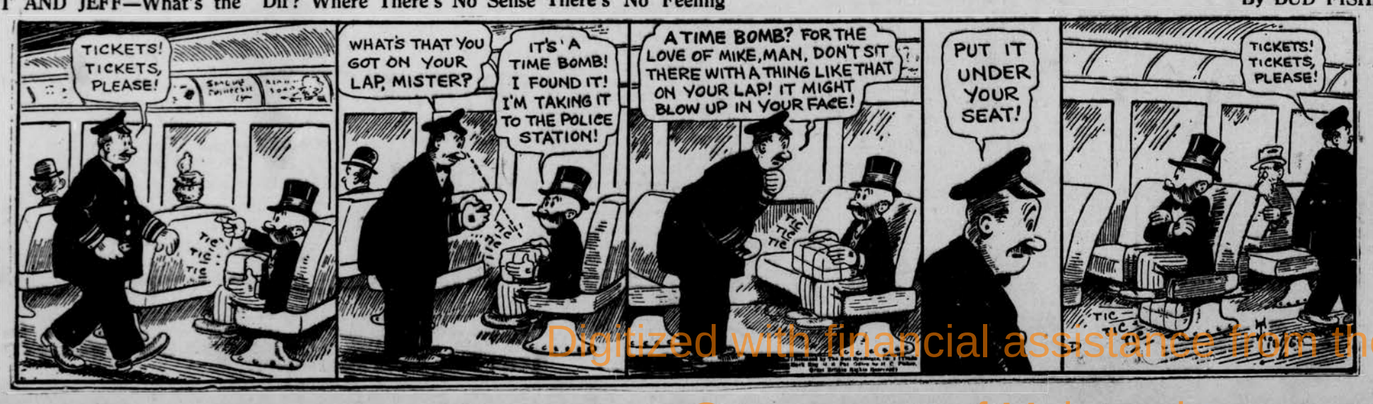


MUTT AND JEFF—What's the Dif? Where There's No Sense There's No Feeling — By BUD FISHER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OUR TABULATED ADLETS

20. MATRIMONIAL

Wanted a very fair complexioned, beautiful, highly cultured and accomplished Kayastha girl for a young man of 32, holding a high Government post (Present salary Rs. 800/- per month) and the only son of a retired District and Sessions Judge. Please communicate with full particulars and latest photo to Box No. 4356 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a Khatri bachelor for a highly educated and well connected Khatri girl of 22 years. Apply with photograph to Box No. 4336, "Bombay Chronicle."

42. SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted a Nurse immediately, without encumbrances for a baby Princess in Northern India. Apply personally with testimonials at Wankaner House, Warden Road, Bombay (8116)

Wanted immediately for a woollen mill a dyeing master B.Sc. (Tech) with atleast 5 years' practical experience. Apply with testimonials and salary expected to Box No. 8117, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Expert to manufacture Rexin Cloth, Book Binding Cloth and Calico Printing on descent remuneration. Apply Box No. 4337, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a first class Motor Mechanic preferably one having good knowledge of Diesel Engines for Local Mill. Apply with testimonials to Thackersey Mooljee & Co., Sir Vithaldas Chambers Apollo Street, between 2 P.M. and 5 P.M. (4353)

Wanted Factory Clerks for recording production with experience in similar work. Should be energetic and smart and of good health Good salary. Apply Box No. 8130, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a competent and experienced Short-hand Typist. Apply stating qualifications and salary required to: Chugondas & Co., 17, Elphinstone Circle, Fort. (8126)

Wanted—Medical representatives and agents for U. P. C.P., Madras and Bombay on Commission basis. Terms liberal. Preference to local men. Apply: Modern Drug House 72-B, Ashutosh Mukherjee Rd., Calcutta. (4355)

Wanted qualified and experienced Engineers. Salary according to qualifications Apply Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur, J. D. Rly., Kathiawar 8078

Wanted a Welfare Superintendent for a Parsi Colony, preferable a graduate with practical experience and one able to handle present day problems of Social Welfare work. Starting salary Rs. 200/- to Rs. 250/- with prospects. Apply Box No. 4343, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted smart socially free Ladies to interpret Hindi|Marathi Cinema dialogues in English during shows. Apply Box No. 4342, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an Expert on Cotton Textile Industry to draw specifications for a complete cotton spinning and weaving mills, of latest type on contract basis. Apply stating qualifications, experiences, terms, etc. to Box No. 8100 "Bombay Chronicle."

43. SITUATIONS WANTED

Energetic youth experienced in accounts correspondence seeks part-time job after Office Hours. Reply Box No. 4358, "Bombay Chronicle."

63. FLATS TO LET

Available residential rooms. Office with phone. See Bharat House Agency, Tamarind Lane, Fort. (4371)

FLATS WANTED

Wanted in decent locality, a three or four rooms block in Matunga, Dadar or Khar, Santa Cruz west, area, for a decent small family. Any Broker who can suitably fix up transaction will be paid brokerage. Apply Box 4363, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Single or Double room in city or Suburbs preferably Matunga-Dadar area. Apply Box No. 4369, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted one or two rooms in Bombay with bath attached, separate entrance. Write to Box No. 4297, "Bombay Chronicle".

142. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Failed (Preliminary) Matriculates! Pass Senior Cambridge (December) Examination. Mathematics, second language omissible. Oral Postal Training. Tutorial College, Dhobitalao; Bombay. (4351)

303. MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted "Deodoriser and neutraliser plant and accessories for an output of 10 tons of oil in 24 hours and Hydrogenation plant of 5 tons capacity of Hardened Ghee in 24 hours. One Technologist, who has got good experience to operate the above plants. Apply with particulars to Sarathy, Chittoor Dt. and P.O., Madras Presy. (4340)

322. MACHINERY FOR SALE

For Sale: 3 Ball Mills, Brand New diameter—30", 24" and 13" complete with chilled cast round balls Apply Box No. 4366. 'Bombay Chronicle".

For Sale: One Milling attachment for cutting gears. Apply Box No. 4365, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Salesmen having established connections with Stationers and Book-sellers required throughout India for the introduction of a fine range of Pocket and Desk Diaries, also Advertising Diaries, Calendars etc. Apply stating experience and terms to Box No. 4339, 'Bombay Chronicle."

651. MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Can supply Lunch and Dinner on production of Ration Cards. Inquiry 48, Kooka House, 4th Floor, Grant Road Corner. (4359)

Spectacle Frames metal celluloid repaired:—Ram Agency (India) Dadar, Dial 61438. (4314)

PUBLIC NOTICES

WANTED

Managers, Godown Keepers, Cashiers, Packers, Salesmen, Ledgerkeepers, Shop Boys, Typists, Accountants for Grocery Shops. Apply Box No. 8112, "Bombay Chronicle' with copies of Certificates and stating salaries expected. (8112)

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that notice has been given, under Section 36(n) of the Municipal Act, for motion to the following effect being placed before the Corporation when the Budget Estimates for the year 1944-45 are discussed:—

21. By Mr. P. K. Savant—For increasing the provision made under III.—Education, Primary, I.—Payment to Schools Committee, from Rs. 48,40,000 to Rs. 50,40,000.

By Order of
His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 14th March, 1944. (8129)

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider the desirability of impressing upon the Management and workers of the B.E.S. and T. Co., Ltd., the advisability of bringing about an early settlement of their dispute in view of the threatened strike of the workers, a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, the 20th March, 1944, at 2 p.m. (BOMBAY TIME).

By Order of
His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary,
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 14th March, 1944. 8128

CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY.

INVITES TENDERS No. BSV FLP|3874C on forms obtainable for Rs. 2|- per set (not refundable or transferable) paid in cash or by M.O. (quoting tender No. full name and address of remitter) before 4 P.M. on 24-3-44 for

Loudspeakers 250 ohms complete with matching transformer .....3 sets.

Public opening at 11 A.M. on 25-3-44. Offers to remain open till 10-4-44. Applicants not on approved Supply Department List must give Banker's reference on Application for tender forms. (8127)

INDIAN MARKET SHOW ROOMS COMPANY, LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GENERAL MEETING of this Company will be held on the 24th April, 1944, at 5 p.m. at the Office of the Liquidator, Vithal Chambers, Hospital Lane, Bombay, to receive the Liquidator's Report showing how the winding up of the Company has been conducted and the property disposed of; to pass an Extraordinary Resolution as to the disposal of books, accounts and the documents of the Company and to hear any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator.

G. G. LALA,
Liquidator.
Vithal Chambers,
Hospital Lane, Bombay,
13th March, 1944. 8123

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED to fill two posts of Indian Assistant Armament Supply Officer (Civilian), for service at Bombay. Madras or other port.

AGE—25—30 Years.

QUALIFICATION — Not less than Graduate.

Preference will be given to applicants who have specialised in Engineering|Physics|Chemistry.

Pay Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three hundred only) per mensem on Probation and then Rs. 340/- by annual increments of 20-500.

Probationary Period—Six months.

Training will be necessary in the first instance at Bombay.

The positions are not at present permanent but are expected to continue for at least the period of the war.

Apply in writing, stating age, educational qualifications and full details of experience with copies of all available certificates to Naval Armament Supply Officer, R. I. N. Armament Depot, Behind Town Hall, Bombay.

Applicants will not be seen except by appointment.

Closing date, the 25th March, 1944. (8103)

651. MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Inquiries invited for 1,000 Tons Junglewood Planks and wagon-loads Rosin and Turpentine (Genuine). Write Post Box No. 3512, Girgaon, Bombay. (4370)

632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For All Kashmir goods and special offers, Tweeds, Knittingwools, etc. Wholesale and retail. Write to-day, Kanwar & Co., Mfrs., Srinagar. 4338

For sale huge quantity of Khaki Shirt Nut Buttons at cheapest prices. Good chance for Govt. Contractors and Suppliers. Apply for free samples and rates H. R. Brijlal & Co., Nagdevi Cross Lane. Bombay 3. (4316)

For Sale—disintegrators 19|4 model No. 1, 1 1|2, 2, 2 1|2 3 1|2 4 Gunmetal and C. I. Castings, Dutson Technical, Monghyr, E.I.R. (4358)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR.
TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHEME
WANTED

YOUNG and ambitious men, who have passed Matriculation Examination or its equivalent or who can pass an Army Educational Test based on Matriculation Standard, between ages of 17½ and 30 years immediately to receive training as INSTRUMENT MECHANICS at Hindupur near Bangalore. An excellent opportunity to learn this all important trade at Government cost. The intending candidates will have to enroll in the Defence Services. They will get Rs. 59|4|- per month as stipends plus free food, accommodation and clothing while under training. Good provision for games and other entertainments. Posts with good pay and prospects after training. Bombay University will grant College Terms and other examination concessions. Government posts reserved after the War. Limited vacancies. Apply to or see in person the nearest Technical Recruiting Officer or the CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SERVICE LABOUR TRIBUNAL, HASSAN CHAMBERS, PARSEE BAZAR STREET, FORT, BOMBAY. (8113)

PRESS NOTE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY,
(Munitions Production Branch)
MACHINE TOOLS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA have decided to revert to the use of trade channels for the acquisition in future of new machine tools to be MANUFACTURED IN INDIA but at the same time to preserve the basis of the rationalisation measures that are now in force through a licensing system. Under present arrangements orders for the manufacture of machine tools in India, whether required on Government account or for industrial users, are aggregated and contracted for by Government and Government arranges for the resale and distribution of the machine tools required by industrial users. With effect from 1st of April, 1944, the following new arrangements will be brought into effect:—

(1) On application to the Machine Tool Controller, Directorate-General, Munitions Production, Calcutta, manufacturing licences will be issued to Indian machine tool manufacturers to cover their forward production programmes.

(2) Industrial users desirous of acquiring Indian-made machine tools will apply in the same manner as hitherto, through the appropriate Regional Representative of the Machine Tool Controller located at Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cawnpore and Lahore, for an authorisation to acquire. Having received his authorisation the industrial user will be at liberty to enter into direct purchase negotiations with any individual machine tool manufacturer and|or his agents or recognised dealers.

(3) Statutory maxima prices will from time to time be published for new machine tools in future to be manufactured in India. These statutory prices, whilst imposing a limit on the price at which newly manufactured Indian machine tools can be sold, will not debar sales at a lower cost.

(4) To assist industrial users in their negotiations with Indian manufacturers and|or their agents or recognised dealers, a list of manufacturers, showing the types and grades of machine tools they are licensed to manufacture, will be furnished on application to the Machine Tool Controller. Industrial users are advised to deal only with those manufacturers and|or their agents or authorised dealers, in accordance with the Machine Tool Controller's list, who are capable of supplying the grade they require. In placing orders on manufacturers in India and|or on their agents or authorised dealers, care should be taken to specify the precise grade of machine tool required.

(5) Manufacturers holding manufacturing licences from the Machine Tool Controller should obtain their requirements of steel and other raw materials through the Industries and Civil Supplies Department of the Central Government. These will be available at commercial rates. For any other assistance, manufacturers should apply to the Machine Tool Controller. The same technical assistance as hitherto will be available to manufacturers.

(6) Industrial users who require machine tools of classes or grades that cannot be made in India and can only be secured from overseas, should continue to apply as hitherto to the Machine Tool Controller for an import licence. The grant of import licences for machine tools for which Indian production is established will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and for special and sufficient reason in each case.

S. A. VENKATARAMAN,
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India.
CALCUTTA, 10th March, 1944. (8118)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GHATKOPAR-KIROL MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE
(Under Sections 64 and 65 of the District Municipal Act, 1901)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Assessment Lists of the Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality for the year 1944-45 have been completed and published and are open for inspection at the Municipal office at Ghatkopar during office hours on all working days.

Any person claiming to be either owner or occupier of any property included in the lists and any agent of such person shall be at liberty to inspect the lists and take extracts therefrom without any charge.

If any such owner, occupier or representative has any objection to this assessment, he or she should send his or her objection in writing so as to reach the undersigned on or before the 20th April, 1944, after which no objection to the said assessment will be considered.

P. D. DAFTARY,
Chairman.
Managing-Committee,
Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Ghatkopar,
9th March 1944. (8115)

THE NAVABHARAT INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.
Head Office:
261-263, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 13th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered office of the Company, 261-263, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay on SUNDAY, the 2nd April, 1944 at 5 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To read and confirm the minutes of the 12th Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 27th June 1943.
(2) To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the Audited Revenue Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 1943.
(3) To elect Directors: Dr. S. K. Gokhale, Dr. K. A. Hamied, and Mr. S. V. Naik retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the year 1944 and fix their remuneration. Messrs. G. M. Oka & Co. the present auditors offer themselves for re-appointment.
(5) To transact such other business that may be brought before the meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

N. B.:—Share Transfer Books of the Company remain closed from 20th March 1944 to 10th April, 1944, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. N. MOGHE,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 14th March, 1944. (8121)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sir RAHIMTULLA MEHERALLY CHINOY, AHMED HABIB and YOUSAFALLI CASSAMBHAI CHINWALLA of Bombay Mahomedan inhabitants the present Trustees of the Khoja Rahimbhai Alloo Paroo and his wife Hirbai's Charitable and Religious Trusts have contracted for the absolute sale to our clients of the undermentioned property. All persons, having, or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof, whether by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, gift, sale, mortgage, charge, lien, lease, or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make such claims known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, No. 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims, and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land of the Quit and Ground Rent Tenure, containing by admeasurement 115 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 1230 Collector's New No. 6971, Old Survey No. 151 and New Survey No. 2805 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 946 of Mandvi Division together with the tenement or buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under 3 B Ward No. 1329 and Street No. 224 all which premises are situate at and on the West side of Bhat Bazar formerly known as Dongri Cooly Street or Dongri Street, but now known as Narsi Natha Road in the City and Registration District of Bombay and bounded, on or towards the East by the said Narsi Natha Road, on or towards the West by a sweepers passage on or towards the North by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 945 formerly belonging to Maneckbai widow of Bhojraj Damji but now to Esoofi Mahomedbhai and others and on or towards the South by the property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 947 belonging to the Trustees of the Cutchi Visa Oswal Dehrawasi Mahajan.

Bombay dated this 13th day of March, 1944.
ARDESHIR HORMUSJI DINSHAW & CO.,
Purchasers Attorneys. 8109

PUBLIC NOTICES

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
GRAINSHOP DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY

QUOTATIONS are invited for the supply of the following commodities:—

Toor Dall (oiled), Toor Dall (Plain), Masoor Dall, Urad Dall, Moong Dall, Jaggery, Chillies (red) and Sweet Oil (Til).

Quotations with samples should be addressed in sealed cover to the Controller, Grain Shops, General Offices, Churchgate, Bombay. (8124)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. PETER LUIS, of Bombay has contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property free from all encumbrances.

All persons having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatever against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 41A, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of salt pans land with hereditaments and premises thereon situate at Matunga, Agar Sakri, Bombay, containing 63613 square yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's Old Nos. 499, 547, 550, 486 and 548, New Nos. a|13355, a1|13355 and a|13342, New Survey Nos. Part 1 & 1B|10, 1C & 1A|10 and 2|10 and Cadastral Survey No. 147 of Matunga Salt Pans Division and Municipal F Ward No. 3925 (107 beds) and Street No. 1166 and bounded, on the East and West by Government ground, on the North by water drain and on the South partly by the salt pans of Padman Hira Mhatra and partly those of Alu Padman.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1944.

SABNIS GOREGAOKER & SENJIT,
Attorneys for the Purchasers. (8122)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT HAINES ROAD, BYCULLA.

Under instructions from M/s. Tyabji Dayabhai & Co., Attorneys for M/s. Chhaganlal Dayabhai and Chimanlal Chhaganlal Vakil the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Ismail Allarakhia the Mortgagor, and in exercise of the power reserved to the Mortgagees of Mortgage dated 28th September, 1920, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction Today WEDNESDAY, the 15th March, 1944, at 4-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) on site the undermentioned property.

Foras Freehold (Redeemed) land about 337 sq. yds. with dwelling house, Cadastral Survey No. 1819, Byculla Division, Municipal "E" Ward No. 4358, Old St. No. 176, New St. Nos. 820A, 824A and bounded on East by Haines Road, on West by the property of Ramzan Kasal, on North by the property of Hasham Noorani and on South by the Government Gutter.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to the abovenamed Solicitors or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, WADI BUNDER, G.I.P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from G.I.P. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, Messrs. Bennett & Co., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 30th March, 1944, at 12 Noon (New S.T.) at the above place unclaimed goods including:

G.N. seeds, Cotton seeds, Rape seeds, Castor seeds, Chillies, Moog, Dall, Matti, Canes, Brassware, Mattings E. Baskets, E. Cases, Buckets, Provisions, Locks, Paint, Cycle parts, Elect. goods, Coffee C. P. Goods, H. Cloth, Catachue Lot of condemned tarpaulin rags, Brooms, Slates, Bangles, Chimneys, Cotton, E. Tins, Coal tar, Oil Barrels, Hirda, Gunnies, Shoes, Champals, Tins of Ghee and Oil, Oil, Tea, H.H. Effects, etc., etc.

Terms:—Full amount of 50% deposit and balance to be paid and delivery to be taken on or before 8-4-1944.

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